



Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

March 22, 2011

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Oliver Jenkins at 3:03 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2011, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman S. Jenkins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Everson.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch (Arrived at 3:03 p.m.), Jeff Everson, Michael Corbin, Oliver Jenkins, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Sam Jenkins. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, March 7, 2011 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman McCulloch. 1.

Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, Communications of the Mayor relative to city business, and Required Reports

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by City Council members, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Does any Council Member have any awards, recognitions, or distinguished guests at this point?

Councilman Corbin: I'd like to recognize Mary Alice Roundtree from the Council Caddo Council on Aging.

Ms. Roundtree: (Caddo Council on Aging) I'm back again and this time to give you a reminder that the March for Meals is tomorrow at noon, and I'm hoping to see all of y'all march down the street with us. We're going to start around 12:00 and then we should be down to the Red River District depending on the Mayor, the Mayor is leading our parade and how fast we go. And we're going to meet and go down to the Red River District. And I hope that each one of you will support

this. This is a very important year for Meals on Wheels, we're facing huge budget cuts and we're facing even huger challenges. And I hope that all the city government would want to show this support for our seniors remaining at home. So, I hope to see you there, it's going to be perfect weather, it will be windy, but it will not be raining. Thank y'all so much.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We'll see you tomorrow. Any other Council Members with awards, distinguished guests, or recognitions? I look out there and I see some folks in military attire, and possibly - - - those don't look like U.S. uniforms, so I'm dying to know if one of them wouldn't mind coming forward and telling us what they're about unless you're aware of something Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: I believe I am Mr. Chairman, but now you know this is the Council's meeting, it's not the Mayor's meeting, so I will certainly yield to and follow your lead.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, well I'd love if one of them would come up and state the nature of their visit and see what we can do for you all.

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Chief Crawford: Mr. Mayor, Council the gentlemen that you see with me and that are so sharply dressed in military-styled are actually Belgium firefighters that have been visiting with our department. You may have seen on the news for almost a week now, and they have been a great addition to say the least. Their training has shown in their not only visits to the station, they've actually gone out on calls with us and they've been able to witness some of our operational procedures and are hoping to take something back. One of the great testaments to the fire department and the City of Shreveport frankly is the fact that these gentlemen have chose cities like Dallas and Atlanta and some of the other major cities of America to visit, where they try to go to find those departments that are on the cutting edge, where they can really learn something and take back with them to be able to do their job better. And of all the cities in America, they chose Shreveport, Louisiana to come to. And I think that speaks volumes for our fire department, the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each day and our city as a whole the support that this council and the previous councils, this administration and previous administrations have given the department to be not only Class I fire department, the busiest fire department in Louisiana, which is something that garnered their attention. And so the leader of this group is a gentleman named Paul Vanlook, and I'm going to let him come up and address the Council, and send some messages from his country and maybe speak a little bit about his visit here and how much he's enjoyed it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Before he starts let me say, I don't speak any Dutch, but - - - (*The Chairman speaking in French welcomed the Dutch firefighters - - - unable to translate*)

Chief Van Look: As you know Belgium is a very small country, but half of us speak Dutch and the other half speaks French. And everybody when they're 10 years old, they will learn to speak the other language from the country, so most are bi-lingual or three or four languages.

Chief Crawford: Could you answer him in what he said?

Chief Vanlook: *(Responded to Councilman O. Jenkins' good-natured remarks, in French, unable to translate)*

Ms. Johnson: Translation?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Bea is mad at both of y'all.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I think that's because she has to keep notes of what we're saying. So she's going to have a little trouble writing that down.

Councilman Webb: I know you'll be getting a phone call next week.

Chief Vanlook: But when I contacted Chief Crawford about a year ago, I got a quick reply from him, that he would look into our request. I called the Chief's office, and I gave him a little more information about our organization, the fire reserves. Within two weeks, we got the final approval from him, and we started working on getting this group together to come over here. There was little hesitation about going to Shreveport because it was a little bit unknown, the northern part of Louisiana. We could look up the statistics on the website for the fire department, we could Google the internet and find some interesting information, but realizing that Shreveport may have been a little bit of a gray area on the tourist landscape. When we arrived last Wednesday, we were brought to the different fire stations and were assigned there to ride along with them, and we immediately noticed the diversity of what we saw here in the city. Just like probably every tourist that goes through the city on I-20 or I-49. The difference was that we were no ordinary visitors. We got to stay in the fire stations, and we could start our exchange of ideas and information. Then both firefighters could ask questions. Where was Belgium, how great was our fire station, why did we come here, what kind of equipment did we have? Well, they didn't stop asking questions, and we talked for the last five days exchanging information that they could (inaudible). They gave us the chance to look behind the scene of a well-organized, well-equipped and very motivated fire department. The guys in the fire stations are proud to show that everything they do over there, they are proud to serve the neighborhood in which their station is, and they showed us that brotherhood in the fire service is not some (inaudible). So we as new found friends were accepted in the station, not as a bunch of strange talking foreigners from abroad, but were there to help without (inaudible) and guys that come over to help need to be fed very well. The southern hospitality will be in our stomach for the next couple of days, but will be in our hearts for the rest of our lives. Chief Crawford, Chief Sanders, members of the Shreveport Fire Department, thank you very much for having us over here and for the friends that we got in the last week, and I hope to meet you one day in European continent.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you, that was great.

Councilman Webb: Chief Crawford, before you step away, I wanted to make a comment if I may. I think it's great that they came. Kinda reminds me of like a firefighters convention. Like us elected officials sometimes go to conventions and pick up new ideas from other cities, and I'm sure this is

been a learning experience for them, and I'm going to want a full report on what we learned from them, and maybe we can - - - y'all can go to Belgium.

Chief Crawford: When I get back from Belgium, I'll give you that report.

Councilman Webb: Maybe y'all can learn some new ideas over there, because I know there's bound to be some things that are going to make Shreveport a better fire department because of their visits.

Chief Crawford: Well one of the things that we're looking into interestingly enough is this helmet that they use over there. Kind of a Darth Vader looking helmet, but it's pretty much standard wear among European fire departments that deflect the heat, maybe somewhat better than what we use. So this is just one of those things that like you're talking about, that maybe we can use and learn over here.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I won't outshine Chairman Jenkins by putting my French skills on display and I certainly won't embarrass him by polishing off my Belgianeese.....Dutch, more appropriately. But I am delighted to be able to join these members of the City Council and all of the citizens of Shreveport in expressing our appreciation for you all coming to be able to share with us here in Shreveport and bringing with you your experience, your perspective from your native land, and sharing it with our firefighters, and also giving us an opportunity to be able to share a little bit about how we do fire service here in this corner of Northwest Louisiana as well. Chief as you mentioned you all have had a chance to be able to not only serve at the various fire stations, but you've also had a chance to be able to sample some of the Shreveport, Louisiana cuisine, and the one thing I want to tell you is that I'm glad that you all aren't staying any longer than a week, because this is what happens when you eat too much Shreveport, Louisiana cooking. So, you guys will be leaving just in time, but on behalf of the City of Shreveport, on behalf of the Shreveport Fire Department, I want to present to you all a copy of the yearbook of the Shreveport Fire Department. It contains the history of this department, images of firefighters, both working and at leisure interacting, rescuing, saving, and it gives you a chance to be able to carry back some history, some memories, and hopefully something that you can look back on very fondly in the days, weeks, months, and years to come. So thank you all again for your time and for your service, and we look to hopefully, as Councilman Webb mentioned, to one day have an opportunity for our folks to get a chance to come and learn from you all just as you all have given us a chance to learn from you all hear. So thank you all again, take care, and God bless you.

Chief Vanlook: The mayors of our different cities - - - actually we present seven cities in Belgium, some of them have given us small tokens to give to you also to thank the City of Shreveport for having us. This is the shield of our city, Newport. It's a coast city in Belgium. This is a whole bunch of pictures of us, and when you have time, you have to look at it.

Mayor Glover: Alright, thank you. Can you read that Mr. Chairman?

Councilman O. Jenkins: From here, I may have to borrow Councilman Webb's glasses here, and get a good look at that thing from here.

Chief Vanlook: Our mayor of our village sent us with a flag of our village.

Mayor Glover: Thank you so much. Alright, and we have a flag here for you all as well. Chief, can we present that to this group as well?

Chief Crawford: Sure.

Mayor Glover: On behalf of the Shreveport Fire Department, City of Shreveport and the members of the City Council, it is our great pleasure to present to you this Shreveport Fire Department Flag for you all to take home and hopefully get a chance to (inaudible).

Chief Vanlook: I'd like to give special thanks to Chief Crawford for having us here. He is a leader of a very well organized, very motivated department, so I want to thank him, but I want to also thank all of the Shreveport firefighters.

Mayor Glover: Before you all take your seats, I need somebody to show us how this works.

Chief Crawford: We need somebody with a smaller head.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I was going to say, before we really needing emergency services (inaudible) that's what we were worried about.

Mayor Glover: And that Councilwoman there is going to take a picture of us.

Chief Vanlook: It's like an American fire helmet. If you for example have to work on a car crash or something where you have to protect your eyes, you were not able to put on safety goggles, we have those in there already. So we just have to flip them down and we are protected. And for example we have to detect a fire on the outside, where we have not put our breathing apparatus on yet, we can enter the fire closer by closing this heat protecting shield which I can see through, but you won't see my shining face. So we can get closer to the fire. Now if we have to put on our breathing apparatus, we just taken this face mask, we push it against our face, and it has two metal hooks that will flip into those (inaudible) here, and it's attached to my face, and I can get in and start working the fire. Our battalion chiefs have the silver one, the firefighters have a yellow/orange one that glows in the dark.

Mayor Glover and Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Do you think that with (inaudible) that maybe Council could get helmets like that?

Mayor Glover: That may not be such a bad idea. We may be able to get some briches like that as well. Thank you Chief. Thank you all. And Chief, we will await your further directions.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mayor, I'm assuming you'd like to continue with some awards and recognitions at this point.

Mayor Glover: If you will allow me to Mr. Chairman?

Councilman O. Jenkins: That will be fine.

Mayor Glover: And I've said this, this is the Council Meeting, not Mayor's meeting.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I know, but I recognize you're still standing up there.

Mayor Glover: I am here at your direction, but now I can take my seat if so directed. Alright. Well we have a couple of additional recognitions to make as well Mr. Chairman, if you will give us the opportunity, I'm going to ask all of the folks involved with the 23rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Tournament, to please come forward. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, as Mayor of Shreveport, I would like to officially acknowledge and express my appreciation for these fine businesses who are joining us here today. Cumulus Broadcast Center, Academy Sports and Outdoors, Chesapeake Energy, and Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourism Bureau for their invaluable contributions to the 23rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Tournament held February 18-20, 2011 in Shreveport, LA. Mr. Chairman and members of the council, this annual city-wide basketball tournament unites men and women of all ages, all social, and ethnic backgrounds, in a demonstration of a true spirit of competition and humanity. Furthermore, this tournament honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and is held in conjunction with Black History Month celebrations throughout the City of Shreveport Mr. Shyne, and north Louisiana. This year's tournament attracted over one hundred (100) men and women youth and young adults and even some older adults Mr. Shyne, teams and several thousand basketball fans from Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Georgia and Louisiana. We literally over that weekend, had thousands of round-ballers here in our area. I'm honored to present to each business a copy of the MLK Tournament Statewide TV video that has been produced and issued by Hometown Productions and is currently being aired across the entire state of Louisiana, in addition to that Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, Patrick Wesley is assisting at this point. We want to present them also with certificates of appreciation. Presenting sponsors Academy Sports & Outdoors, Whitney Eshelman, Regional Marketing & Promotions; Ed Billingsly, Store Director-Shreveport Location; John Balsamo, Store Director-Bossier Location. Donations include financial support, provided promotional items for 1,500 athletes and 2,000 fans, and provided half-time promotions during all championship games. Lets give them a round of applause.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Mayor, I thought you were calling Paul up as one of the stars of the tournament. I was about to say, WOW!

Mayor Glover: Well, I don't think they let Paul play. I think his game is kinda like Patrick, they're so good, you know you have to keep the ones that can come in and knock the bottom out of the barrel. You have to keep them kinda up in the stands to keep it a fair game. Next Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, Cumulus Broadcast Center, led by Susan Lucchesi, General Manager and

my homeboy and good friend, Arthur Montgomery, Sr. Account Executive, in fact Mr. Shyne, you might have taught young Arthur.

Councilman Shyne: I remember him, I'm not going to tell you how bad he was.

Mayor Glover: Doug Davis, Program Director-KMJJ. Their donations included radio promotions, marketing services for the entire tournament and the presenting sponsor of Championship Sunday. Lets give the Cumulus Broadcast Center a round applause. Our third group Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, a group that we will see today and also Wednesday, Thursday? Wednesday. I guess after we get through walking tomorrow, or before, I'm not quite sure which, but the good folks at Chesapeake Energy, beyond today, they will be announcing with us and unveiling our new CNG buses, but today they are a part of this outstanding effort. They are represented by our good friend Paul Pratt, Director-Corporate Development and Government Relations, their donations as well as (inaudible), he's here as well. I didn't have you in my notation, but she is here as well, their donations 2 Lap top computers for Black History Month Essay Contest. Lets please give them a round of applause for their ongoing support. Lastly, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I want to express our appreciation for the folks at the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourism Bureau. They are represented here today by Mr. Kelly Wells, and of course as is needed in all such efforts, the folks from the Convention and Tourism Bureau came in and provided money.

Councilman Shyne: Now that's what is really needed.

Mayor Glover: Financial support that was necessary in order to be able to make this event a success. So join me members of the Council in giving all of these good folks a round of applause.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, whose district was that in?

Mayor Glover: A little bit of everybody's I believe wasn't it?

Councilman Shyne: Oh, it was? Okay.

Councilwoman McCulloch: But the event itself was held in District A.

Mayor Glover; 3850 MLK Drive, the Cooper Road section of the city. Patrick would you come up an offer some comments and please if any of the folks or sponsors who would, please comment as well.

Mr. Patrick Wesley: (SPAR) Well thank you again Mayor. Again, when we do these types of events, we can't do it without people like Cumulus, Academy Sports, Convention and Tourism. This is a win/win situation, when you can get community, SPAR, businesses together, it's always a win/win situation for everybody. The thousands of fans, players young and old who enjoy the event. They get a chance to see live what it's like in our communities and what it's like to promote fitness and health initiatives in our communities. And I just wanted again to thank everybody here for their invaluable contributions to the 23rd Annual MLK Tournament. Thank you again.

Ms. Susan Lucchesi: Quickly I'd like to say how much of a part of the community that we enjoyed being in and our doors are always open for events and community efforts such as this. So please keep us in mind.

Mr. Kelly Wells: I'd just like to say on behalf of the community, a lot of times we take for granted SPAR, but I see 'em at almost every meeting I'm at, and I think they did a superb job so I'd love to give them a round of applause with Shelly and Patrick and those guys. And I wanted to say one more thing. I know we're talking about the MLK tournament, but I don't know if Patrick's mentioned, but I was with one of the staff earlier, Jerrard, and (inaudible) is coming in this Friday, and there'll be about 10,000 8-13 year old baseball players from all over the country. I don't know if Patrick mentioned, but this event was named out of 30,000 baseball events, the number 15th in the country from the 2010 tournament. They're going to surpass that this year so, that's coming up this weekend.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Kelly, we'll have to get a memo from staff so we can help to share that good news with the Council and the rest of the City of Shreveport. Lastly Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I guess you could say that when you have a room full of lovely ladies, you want to keep 'em around and as close to you as possible. So, we'll present them last. Not that they're not always first in my heart. The Shreveport Mayor's Womens Commission is here today Mr. Chairman, members of the Council and I am delighted to present them. I would ask that they stand right now, and Ms. (inaudible) as their president, would you please stand as well? As I mentioned Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission is dedicated to promoting and furthering the economic status, health, safety, education, and please come join me here around the podium. Absolutely. See Sharon, I'm coachable. The Shreveport Womens Commission is dedicated to promoting and furthering the economic status, health, safety, education, leadership and advocacy opportunities for the advancement of women and youth in the City of Shreveport. 2) Enhancing the quality of life for all area residents, particularly women and families; and 3) Seeking partnerships with government agencies, nonprofit groups, and private groups and business to develop the information, expertise, volunteers, financing, and/or other resources to accomplish the goals and work of the Commission. The Commission does this through three main areas. 1) Advocacy. The Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission address social, economic and political concerns and advocates for opportunities for women and young people to gain employment and entrepreneurialship skills and credentials to move into and advance into employment. Secondly, the Shreveport Mayor's Commission promotes literacy and involvement of youth and community affairs in order that they may be or may become contributing members of society. 3) Quality of Life. The Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission promotes healthy families in our community through awareness and education and opportunities for women to achieve success at work, home, and in the community. Major projects for this group include the MLK Health Center. One of the main areas of focus. The secondary focus or foci include the Gingerbread House Advocacy Center, the Dress for Success Career Closet, the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, Cora A. Allen Day established this year as May 28, 2011, the Susan B. Coleman Race for the Cure, Brighter Beginnings and Good Guys Mentoring program. At this point, I'm going to ask Ms. Guy to please step forward and offer a few comments to the Council.

Ms. Guy: We just wanted to say thank you for allowing us to be recognized and if there's anyway that we can assist the city in carrying out programs or paying attention to issues that deal with women and children, that that's what we're here for.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I would ask if you wouldn't mind to each state your name so we can get it for the record, and certainly for those out there watching get to recognize you or may have a contact with you.

Members of the Commission introduced themselves. They are: Romney Guy, Goodwill Industries; Ophelia Nicholson, former educator, Caddo Parish School System.

Councilman S. Jenkins: One of District G's most outstanding citizens.

Councilman Shyne: And a Grambling State University Alumni.

Roseanne Frye, Special Events for Goodwill, Sylvia Newman, Volunteers for Youth Justice and Interfaith; Patricia Myles, retired educator for Caddo Parish, (inaudible) Stafford, Volunteers for Youth Justice; Mary Georgia Vandess, retired principal, Caddo Parish; Crystal Allen Dallas, Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. Harriet Nelson Williams, retired teacher, Caddo Parish.

Councilwoman McCulloch: District A.

Councilman Shyne: A good friend of my family.

Ms. Irma Rogers, MLK CEC, and business owner.

Councilwoman McCulloch: District A.

Ms. Caroline Majors (inaudible) Architects

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well thank y'all very much.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, I'm also proud to announce that the Shreveport Mayor's Womens Commission also has a Men's Auxiliary of which you have seen two of the primary and leading members standing behind you taking pictures, Mr. Mike Newman, I've just merged the names, and Mr. Lorenzo Williams. One of Mr. Williams' claim to fame is that he - - they took a rather large thick-fingered, and clumsy handed young 6th Grader at the Linear Jr. High School, and made him not quite into a virtuoso violin player, but one that was good enough to earn honor orchestra recognition for three years in a row. And ended up being the only guy Councilman Everson who walked into the football locker room everyday with a violin case at the end of the day. So great to see all of you all here, thank you for coming, thank you for your work, and lastly Mr. Chairman before I take my chair and we proceed with the meeting, I will join Vice-Chairman and this council again especially in light of having recognized members of the Womens commission, and again expressing on behalf of the Shreveport Mayor's office and all the citizens

of the City of Shreveport, I saw at the passing of one of the most historical women of this city. One who contributed quite a bit to it's civic, social, political and business affairs, Ms. Balestine Hopokins, Sr. We mourn her loss and we express our sorrow and our sympathy to the family. Thank you Mr. Chairman, and thank you members of the Council.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you. Would it be appropriate now to circumvent the proceedings for the award? Wasn't there a write up that you put in - - - a resolution?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, it's a resolution and of course, I'll wait until we get to that point and I'd like to say some words on here are not as flamboyant as the ones that the Mayor - - - Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you members of the Council.

Councilman Everson: I appreciate it. I wanted to recognize the NLCOG and the TAD Development for the awarding of HUD's First Choice Neighborhood Grant. This is a highly competitive grant. It's 130 some odd cities across the country competed for 117 for this specific grant that was awarded to the City of Shreveport. And I believe only 13 of these grants were awarded, the City of Shreveport was one of those. This is the first time that this program was implemented from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It's a planning grant for the Ledbetter Heights and Allendale neighborhoods, to help those neighborhoods grow from low income areas to mixed income areas. So this is a real big feather in the cap of the City of Shreveport, and I wanted to acknowledge all those from the city who had worked on that grant.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, one additional note if there are no other Council Members at this point?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any other Council Members.

Mayor Glover: I want to also express Mr. Chairman, obviously join Chairman Jenkins and all of the Council in expressing our sorrow at the loss of the daughter of Mr. Charles Kirkland, and we obviously have that family lifted up in prayer, but also want to ask that all of you all pray for as you all have heard me refer to him before, 'My Twin Mayor' and good friend Mayor Walker and his wife Adele as they deal with the loss of their son as well. So, on behalf of the City of Shreveport, we want to express our deep sorrow at his passing. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Communications of the Mayor relative to city business other than awards and recognition of distinguished guests.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you. Are there any other communications relative to city business at this point Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: We have none at this time Mr. Chairman, but we thank Mr. Everson for making mention of the Choice Neighborhood Grant. We think that that's something that would be impactful on the entirety of the City of Shreveport. Particularly those District B and A. And also as

you heard me reference earlier, we also look forward to the announcement or the unveiling on tomorrow, of the first portion of our city's CNG (inaudible), we think that's a significant historic step, and we're definitely looking forward to it.

Reports

Property Standards Report (*Res. 7 of 2003*)

Councilman O. Jenkins: Does anyone have any questions relative to Property Standards for Mr. Holt today? There are none.

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (*Res. No.114 of 2009*)

Councilman O. Jenkins: Mr. Sibley, we have received your Revenue Collections Report, somewhat saddened by so many in the red, frankly I'm sure there's adequate explanation for that.

Mr. Sibley: Yes there is Mr. Chairman, we are - - - the guys upstairs are very optimistic as a matter of fact, I'd like to note a couple of things that are not indicated there. 1) This report is out of the February 28th, just as a reference for you. Obviously when you look at - - - in terms of property tax, when you look at the 2010 actual, that's actually for '09, we look at 2011 as actually 2010. The rest are current. The things of note that our guys upstairs will tell you is that we tend to collect a lot these over time. The major one that you look at, Occupational License Taxes there, the delinquent letters went out. Those are dated January delinquent letters went out in February, right now we're doing March postings, so you'll see an increase in that number by the time we report to you in April. And after the March postings are done, then the field audit program will begin in April. So all the projections basically exceed the budgeted amounts even though you can see a little bit of red there right now. It's just the nature of the timing of the process and when most of those paid, so we anticipate bringing you another report in April that will outline the March postings. We also anticipate by the time the field auditors get out there and again, I think that we have to kinda mention that, we have to thank the Council for allowing us the budget to add those persons to do that. Again, we project that you're going to see us exceed those budget numbers in those categories. If you look at the ones that are not budgeted, they are indicated that they are not budgeted NSF checks, and some of those, you know basically they're not budgeted because it's hard to tell what those numbers are. It's not really additional monies because these are monies that are owed the city, but once they come in, then they're posted, but we generally don't budget those, that's why you have that not budgeted notation there. The only thing we will say it is still early in the year. We expect these numbers to fill out as the year goes on, and again, we expect this will be a year where because of our efforts of our collections our compliance office as well as DDA contract is up to date, and that's parking is a critical part of our collections and obviously we ask that you authorize us to go forward in executing that contract, so we can continue the good work that the DDA is doing for us, and so this is our initial report for the year. We think it looks well, we anticipate seeing some major movement in March where a lot of the larger payments come in so we think that by the time you get into April, and you get some of those reports reflecting the March numbers, you'll see these closer to 100% in most cases. And as usual Mr. Chairman, if there are any specific areas or any specific questions from Council, either today or over the course

of the week, please let us know and we'll attempt to address those specifically. And with that said, that completes our collections report for today.

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (*Res 238 of 2010*)

EMS Transports Report (*Res 239 of 2010*)

Public Hearing: None.

Adding Items to the Agenda, Public Comments, Confirmations and Appointments.

Adding legislation to the agenda (regular meeting only) and public comments on motions to add items to the agenda.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have one item that the Council can act on to add to the agenda.

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 59 of 2011**: A Resolution to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mrs. Balistine Williams Tarver Hopkins and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: Mrs. Hopkins died last Thursday I believe, and that's the reason it's on to be added, and not on the regular agenda.

Councilman Shyne: I'll read it Mr. Chairman after you go through you know anybody for or against (inaudible).

Councilman O. Jenkins: Is anybody present that has any comments for or against adding this particular item to the agenda?

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Chairman. If not, this is Resolution No. 59 of 2011.

Councilman Shyne read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. BALISTINE WILLIAMS TARVER HOPKINS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JOE SHYNE

WHEREAS, Balistine Williams Tarver Hopkins, a businesswoman and family matriarch died on Thursday, March 18, 2011, in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Balistine Williams Tarver Hopkins successfully operated the 113 year old family owned J. S. Williams Funeral Home for 50 years, while serving as matriarch of an accomplished and influential family; including sons Dr. Leon Tarver, former president of the Southern University System and Gregory Tarver, former Caddo Parish Police Juror, former Shreveport City Councilman, and former Louisiana State Senator; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport is indebted to Balistine Williams Tarver Hopkins for her entrepreneurial spirit and business successes, and for being a devout Christian family matriarch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Shreveport City Council in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City Council pauses to recognize, and to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Balistine Williams Tarver Hopkins for her many accomplishments and for making the city of Shreveport, the state of Louisiana and this nation a better place to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to the family of Balistine Williams Tarver Hopkins, and the other filed in perpetuity in the Office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to add Resolution No. 59 of 2011 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt Resolution No. 59 of 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None

Councilman Shyne: I want to thank the Council for that unanimous vote.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Is there anything else to be added today Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: We have nothing else to be added Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, then we have the following requests to speak.

Public Comments (*In accordance with Section 1.11 of the Rules of Procedures*)

Mr. Kenneth Crawford: (Owner, Yellow Checker Cab) I'm here to ask a few questions about the changes from our last meeting concerning the vehicle for hire ordinance and to first start off by asking what have we changed from the last meeting that would make it available for passage today?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. Since the last meeting, we have spoken to several groups to include several emails to request to add various items, and/or considerations. One of them being to keep it at under 10 passengers for the vehicle because there is a group that would like that opportunity potentially to be involved in this type of service in a smaller-sized vehicle. They have contacted us

about that, they would naturally need to you know be in line with all the other provisions that are listed there. We also received another email that had several items to include, and I can't remember how many of those were actually included, but the largest portion of them were included in the ordinance. I can't tell you, and maybe I don't have a redlined version of what was left.

Mr. Crawford: Okay. I believe that the Council has individually received an email from one of the owner-operators from Yellow Checker Cab. Does everybody remember? Okay, I'd like to point out a few things to that, that I'm sure the public may not be aware of, if you just allow me to pull out some of his excerpts and then I'll be brief. 'We're fortunate that the Council has an attitude that we can probably resolve this dilemma without it being very difficult, however, the last time we were here, Mr. Webb was trying to understand a little more of the dynamics of the vehicle for hire, and also Mr. Jenkins, one of his comments was that he was trying to understand how the I-Shuttle business would impact the taxi cab business. Mr. Norred in his great length that he went to type out this letter which all of you guys received, which he I'm sure wouldn't mind sharing with the public, the - - - we just submit the following thing that the taxi drivers have been picking up this upper class of service as described as part of our total market. That market, the upper market if you will is now being targeted by the I-Shuttle people and under the new regulations, will now be sharing with another entity to cut into some of the income for the taxi cab driver. We as a taxi cab industry feel like they're only targeting the upper end of the business is discriminatory for the following reasons: If the taxi cabs have to carry any and all requests for service, we pick up mainly nice people that do not have transportation, some never have and others probably never will. A lot of these calls are for laundry, close to home, a few blocks away, grocery stores. Same situation - - - I-Shuttle doesn't want to bother with these laundry calls, and it's clear that they don't want to pick up this market. The average cost is \$6 or \$8. We're humbled by the fact that we as an industry derive our livelihood in this manner and think about we make a living from financially challenged people as part of our business. And I-Shuttle again has made it clear that they want no part of that. We believe that in the hearts of the people, I-Shuttle doesn't intentionally discriminate against anyone, however anyone from the outside looking in may feel that this is very subtle by the way they're doing business. In other words, a nice lady that walks up to an I-Shuttle with children says we need to go to the laundry. Well under the ordinance that we have now, I-Shuttle is not allowed to and would not be required to pick up this lady, simply because she doesn't have the resources to own and maintain a computer or an android phone, or even a bank account to pay for it with a debit card. So, what the I-Shuttle concept is simply saying is that thousands of good honest well intended, but financially challenged families is, 'Ma'am, we don't want your \$8, you need to call a taxi cab.' And they have been in the past. It is my understanding that now somebody, anybody could convince us that this method is not their method of operation, but obviously discriminatory in the fact that direct competition with the taxi industry, since we already derive part of our income and we haven't discussed expenses yet, I think I-Shuttle gets to choose their market, while we are compelled and mandated not to refuse service to anyone. Now Mr. Norred's letter that you received, I won't, or don't have time really to go through. The expenses of the cab drivers as a whole, their cost that's incurred during the week, but it's all in there, you guys got a chance to read it and like I said, if the public's interested, they can contact myself here at Yellow Checker or Mr. Norred. Today, as cab drivers, we're stand in a lonely place are being asked and are soon going to be told by the Council that we have to give up a part of our market, that we've serviced since Day

1, but I-Shuttle can pursue this highly profitable and much safer market. We must say that if any of you were sitting in a taxi cab somewhere in the city on a slow night, hoping that the next fare would be a good one, and a safe one, you would not feel good about this at all. Essentially, I-Shuttle is a hybrid tax cab service. If you would consider and accept that definition. We, the real taxi companies and drivers cannot pick and choose who we yet love, and do we once again humbled by a lot of people that we do serve business, and I-Shuttle does not choose to serve them. I only have just a touch more. It's basically the same information, but still, I'd like to share it again. We have not intention of letting any entity attempt to monopolize a procedure under commerce regulations available to all and in fact, we are already on a limited basis. The taxi cab service Yellow Checker is already implementing such things as certain sections of the municipal code for qualifications for drug testing, GPS, we discussed in prior meetings that we're going to put in some automatic dispatching stuff and to be honest with you, we hope that we have the best intentions to do what's right (inaudible), and to do what's necessary for all that's concerned. The proper decisions with leveled appeal and not give one entity a lock on the preferred market. And this should be an open market for many reasons, and discrimination against any incoming group or operational group such as taxis should not be allowed under any circumstances. However, and I'll leave you with this. However, regardless of the outcome of the decisions being made in the council today, there will always be a venue and proper process to complain, challenge and renegotiate any rules, regulations and mandates that are not fair, not right and are discriminatory are just plain wrong. We all look forward to resolving this serious issue with fairness and good intentions for all, and as it turns out, there are many intelligent professionals sincere and with the best of intended people in the taxi cab and transportation business. Perhaps between us all as professionals, solving this dilemma should not be a problem at all'. Those are excerpts from Mr. Norred's letter that he sent to the Council, and again, I request that there not be any changes to the vehicle for hire section that would allow the I-Shuttle people to operate. I feel as though the Section 102 already has a place for shuttles, and a place for taxi cabs, and if you will accept my definition of hybrid taxi cab, my suggestion to the council is either not approve these changes, or to table it until such time that it could be addressed fairly. I don't feel that the citizens of the City of Shreveport, especially the ones that cannot afford iPhones, Droids and such things as that, they wouldn't have access to this market. There's questions still out as Mr. McFarland said earlier that this is very, very incomplete, and to approve anything at this point would be very unfair not only to the citizens, but also to the market itself. Thank you.

Mr. David McFarlin: (2104 Barksdale Blvd, Bossier City, LA) I hear talk about Section D, Item 5. I sent everybody an email and the Mayor's office too. Your definitions that you were talking about, momentarily ago, up to 10 passengers. Does that mean someone with a motorcycle can be - - it needs to be defined, there needs to be a window, got to be narrowing, it can't just be any vehicle can be used for interactive shuttle because up to 10 vehicles, skateboard can be used.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I believe what it states in there is that it has to be motorized, first of all and that might take away the chance of a skateboard. I'm sure there's a hybrid version out there that's motorized.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Coming anyway. It's coming.

Councilman Everson: It does have to be legal to operate on any of our public streets, in the Cities of Shreveport and Bossier, who those vehicles would not be (inaudible).

Mr. McFarlin: Okay. Nonetheless, in Section 102-87, what I saw just before I came in here, an hour before, there were no changes on the website. 30 minutes before the meeting began here today, that's when the changes appeared on the internet. So can't really intelligently speak about all of the chambers of what you have in front of you because it's still incomplete. It's just not there. On item 4, in 102-87, that's the only new item that's actually been added from the last meeting. Nothing else has really been changed. The wording, definitions, anything. Right now to No. 5, says that the Council has to approve the rates, so what are the rates? There are no posted rates, there is no talk about how much they can or cannot charge, so if you pass this, and they go into business in 10 days after the Mayor signs it, what are they going to charge? And when are we going to find out what it's going to be? It's still incomplete. I truly expected there to be another Public Safety Committee Meeting on this, but I'm open. I'm not against these guys, okay? Kenny has some severe reservations about 'em. I really don't want to keep them out of the market, but he is right, it has to be fair. If they want to operate a taxi-like service, then they've got to operate a taxi-like service. What are their hours of operation? Nothing is listed in here. When they have to operate? When they can? When they don't have to operate? We're 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They can only operate on the weekends, when it's profitable. We have to have people minimum of 10 vehicles out on the road at 2:00 in the morning on Wednesday. Tonight, 2:00 in the morning, call up the cab company, mine, his, the other ones, we're all going to have those vehicles available to the public whereas these gentlemen still haven't - - - it's just not complete. And I urge you to take a step back, get another Public Safety Committee Meeting. There are some more things that need to be defined out. If we'd done it in the last two weeks, they would no doubt - - - you would have something in front of you that you could vote on. But as it is, as it sits right now, I really don't think that you can vote on it. Not in good conscious. Thank you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: By the way Mr. McFarlin, I'm not sure what the problem is cause it's definitely been posted for the last 24 if not 28 hours on the website. We've all - - - we looked at it yesterday, we read it on the website. So, it's definitely been out there. I don't know when she posted it, on Friday, or yesterday, but it was (inaudible) all of the changes have been up there.

Mr. Harley Ray Norred: (411 E. Bert Kouns) Thank you very much and I also - - - what I'd really like to do, is I'd like to thank each and everyone of the council members for considering the lengthy email that I sent. And of course the purpose of that was just to kinda share some information about the thinking and the dynamics on this side of the industry. And at this point, you know I'm probably a better reactionary. You know we're still in the debate process. And we've entered into an intelligent debate, just a lot more questions that probably need to be answered, and I'm probably better at reacting, but once sides are taken at that point. And I happen to agree with everything that Mr. Crawford has said. And so with that, that's basically going to be all I have to say until some other things transpire, depending on how it goes, and I'll comment on it at that time. Thank you.

Ms. Liz Swaine: (401 Edwards) I am here on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority to express our support for I-Shuttle. We understand that there is a lot of concern and a lot of

confusion when there is a new type of business that comes into town, and I-Shuttle is definitely a brand new type of business. But in our study of I-Shuttle's plans, it does appear to us that I-Shuttle is quite different from traditional limousine and taxi services based on their use of high technology which is the trend for the future. We are very excited about this use of high technology, and it will be a first for our region. So, we are ready to welcome this new technology into downtown Shreveport. In order for I-Shuttle to be successful, we feel that they are going to have to operate in a nontraditional way, that only the technology and the changes that you're considering today will allow. It's fresh, it's cutting edge, we would like to welcome them into downtown as an additional component to downtown that we do not have yet, and I would like to urge it's support. Thank you very much.

Mr. Randall Aclè: (554 Dunmoreland Dr) I'm one of the partners at I-Shuttle and I just wanted to talk to y'all today about how new and innovative this idea was when me and my business partner David, who you heard from a couple of times came up with it. And we did a lot of research out there today to see what else existed, and there were again I think y'all may have heard, there were some other companies that do, do some automated taxi services. Their app is free, so is ours, and all of them even though they're free to download, charge for the service of completing the ride in some form or manner electronically. The main thing that's different is ours have full fledged GPS tracking built in for the end user. And so the end user can see where their vehicle is on their phone and where they are in relation to the vehicle at all times. It is a lot more cutting edge in the sense the person doesn't have to walk outside and be unsafe outside because when the vehicle arrives, it'll notify them automatically that the ride is outside, so they haven't been standing out there waiting. The other big item is I've actually - - - some of the partners or some of the opposing side have said that we don't have enough experience, and while I opened a business 10 years ago in Shreveport, and I've been running it with 15 employees. It's growing and done very well in what I call my hometown now. I look forward to doing it again with I-Shuttle. So, one of the biggest things that is going to separate us how nice our vans are, the standard of our vans for the everyday user. A much higher classed than the traditional taxi. Yes, we are a lot more expensive, because we charge each individual user that gets on the ride, so at that moment when last I checked, we all had free choice and options. And I think that's left up to the citizen to choose whether or not they want to use our ride, or not. From the overwhelming response we've gotten from the citizens, I imagine we will have a good customer base in Shreveport, and I look forward to doing well here in my hometown. So, I look forward to hopefully being able to get the new city ordinance passed for the interactive transportation service, and I look forward to doing many more years of business in Shreveport. Thank you very much everybody.

Ms. Karen Courtman: (800 Spring Street) I'd like to speak to you today on behalf of the investor. The one voice that hasn't been heard in a lot of this conversation about I-Shuttle. When we were approached with a business plan from two young entrepreneurs in this city, our first question to them was, what is the need. And they presented us with an in debt market plan of the study they had done in the community with restaurants, with end users and proved that there was a need there for their services. And so the course of our due diligence, my next question to them was, well why should we invest this money in the technology and the amount of money it's going to cost to develop the software, if it's already done? And so through research on our end, we found out that we did find somewhere, programs throughout the country. There's a company in San Diego that

does tracking or that does scheduling for a taxi on their phone. I know you're aware of the one in San Francisco. But we realized there was not one other piece of software or technology out there that could do what I-Shuttle was presenting to us. And not only the possibilities of I-Shuttle in our community, but the possibilities of I-Shuttle being replicated in other communities is what sold us on investing in it. We feel like these two young men have put the time into it and the effort to research the market and to do a fair job, and a good job of servicing the needs of this community. When we talk about revising this ordinance and what it means, what we're asking for is not an I-Shuttle Ordinance as we've heard it called, it's looking at a new way of doing business, and allowing the company with the one in San Francisco to come here and be able to compete, because we believe competition is good. So we welcome once, if y'all approve this ordinance and it's passed the re-write, we welcome the competition in our market place because we think competition makes you better. So once it's passed, we welcome other service providers in this area to join us to meet the regulations as y'all approve them and make everyone better by competition. The one thing that has not been addressed in here is that we believe as we have with our other companies that part of being a corporate citizen in this community, is not just operating a business, it's about giving back to it. And I think no one has really brought up the point, but before I-Shuttle bought their first van, they were supporting this community. They supported the Revel through their sponsorship, they supported the Highland Community Festival, the Highland Jazz and Blues Festival with an in cash contribution, Shreveport Arts Council through the Christmas in the Sky event, and they've also made a commitment to the Downtown Development Authority to donate Shuttles for downtown. So please consider the fact that they're not just here to operate a business, they want to be good community partners and give back. If y'all have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them. Thank you.

Jason Brady: (558 Dunmoreland) I'm just speaking here in support of I-Shuttle. As a local business owner, basically in support of a local business. I've heard the whole plan of I-Shuttle, I think it's a great forward thinking concept. It's really great to get started in Shreveport. Also as a local restaurateur in the Line Avenue area, it wouldn't hurt to have more service for our patrons. I speak on behalf of patrons every night that are in support of I-Shuttle. I've seen the I-Shuttle, they're technologically advanced, and it's absolutely amazing. Basically in support of local business something that grow throughout the state also.

John Grindley: (3635 Green Acres) Mr. Mayor, Mr. Sibley, and Councilmen I'm here in full support of I-Shuttle's proposal. You guys have been so supportive of the creative economy as it stands right now. A few years ago, Louisiana and Shreveport/Bossier was dead last in the creative economy. Through your help, we had the No. 1 movie in the country last week, *The Battle of Los Angeles*, you've also supported Co-Habitat, and I-Shuttle is now members of Co-Habitat. And we believe in innovation and the creative economy. I think this is an amazing thing for our area. It's free enterprise just like the travel industry was affected by online and internet bookings and things like that, innovation does change the way they do business. And so the same thing is probably going to happen to the taxi industry. So there's nothing unfair about this that I see. I don't see socio-economic issues with it. I do feel that way if like members like Twin Engines Labs works out of our space. They just developed a thing called (inaudible) which is what's happening in Shreveport/Bossier. How cool would it be if something that you guys had supported and everyone is downloading on their phones, I mean think about this guys, we have a lot of apps that were

developed in downtown Shreveport (inaudible) being one of them, obviously I-Shuttle being another one, these guys can plug into this app, and their app can plug into them. Think about the collaboration that can happen. So lets not stifle innovation and a creative economy and support this. Thank you.

Ms. Katie Bickham: (3330 Alexander Ave) Good afternoon, I'm also here in support of I-Shuttle, and I'm here on behalf of Twin Engine Labs which is a local software development agency. We operate out of Co-Habitat, which has successfully brought us together with many local innovators interested in the well-being of Shreveport. We service clients nationwide, but our greatest successes and our largest fulfillment have come from taking care of our local clients. The entire reason we started this company in Shreveport is that we believe in our city and we would not listen to argument that this was not a friendly place for tech companies. We believed that to make our community change for the better, we must also change our ideas and attitudes. We recently launched web and mobile applications for (inaudible) like John told you about. Another of Co-Habitat's residents. This app lowers the barrier for patrons to participate in city life, particularly entertainment venues on evenings and weekends, by firmly grasping technology trends and working with them instead of against them. We have watched (inaudible) become immensely successful among a wide demographic of Shreveport/Bossier residents. We feel that I-Shuttle's mission and goals aligned with and support our other ventures as well as our vision of what we want our city to be. Firstly, it provides a safe, regulated service to locals encouraging them to patronize nightlife hotspots at their leisure without worrying about transportation. Secondly, the obvious benefits on safety and further avoidance of drunk driving accidents cannot be emphasized enough. And thirdly, I-Shuttle technology innovates in the process something that our experiences has shown us the city is absolutely ready for. By updating the business to a technology based model, we are encouraging all local businesses to be technologically competitive. By stifling this innovation, you are necessarily putting limits on how much and how quickly you want to see Shreveport/Bossier progress in comparison with other major cities. Thank you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, I think the points were made, I don't think we need to go any further at this point. Lets move on, on the agenda. I don't believe we have any - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: I'd like to suspend the rules to have Mr. Edward Jackson come forward.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Tank you for that.

Councilman Shyne: I'll second that.

Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Shyne to suspend the rules to hear comments from Mr. Edward Jackson. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Councilwoman McCulloch: State your name and address for the record.

Mr. Edward Jackson: (1169 Arncliffe Drive) I have a serious problem. My family's been destroyed, I've been destroyed, also my home. Whoever put that helicopter pad in my back yard, and Metro Aviation Industry. And they have destroyed my home, my - - - matter of fact, I'm a little emotional. I just left the doctor. But anyway I just need to know how did they put that thing in there without notifying the neighbors in the neighborhood. I live at well, lets say Highland Park area. And y'all see what I'm going through, it's right in my back yard. Ain't 50 feet from my yard there. I can't be outside no time of day, they're in and out at night. I don't live in the home anymore. I have a new address and it's Brentwood. 1006 Highland Avenue, that's my address now. My home has been destroyed. My insurance company will be out on the 24th and I hope someone from the City Council will be there with me. And I presented y'all with a letter week before last, I was - - - from Rose, and she showed y'all some pictures of the same thing. No one contacted me at all. You have my address. I don't know - - - if I was in trouble, you would. If I had done something to the city, drinking or something and all, you'd hear all kind of mess. But y'all done ran me out my home now I don't hear from anyone. And that's just really all I have to say. I mean I just need someone to get with me and y'all need to get with me soon. I'm telling you point blank.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Mr. Jackson, did you say you had a petition from some other neighbors?

Mr. Jackson: Yes Ma'am, I have the petition here from the 1100 block to the 1200 block of Arncliffe. That thing is directly in my back yard. Directly. The roof standing up on my house. It won't stay down because I'm in a hurricane zone, and I don't know who could have gave the permission to get it. That's the old Solo Cup building, and they use that field for computerize those things. They program 'em, computerize 'em, disassemble them, assemble them, whatever they do to 'em, they do it in my back yard. I can't be out there when they're out there. Debris. When they dust fly, it's all over you. You can't be out there. You can't talk. I don't have no access to my outside of my home anymore. Y'all destroyed my life one more time. This the second time y'all done this to me. I done had enough. My home now is at Brentwood.

Councilman Webb: I was wanting to ask Dale, what - - - didn't - - -? I know this was brought up a couple of weeks ago, and y'all were going to be looking into it. Do you have a report on where we're at?

Mr. Sibley: You're correct Mr. Webb, and I think what we all, even members of the Council recognize is that Metro Aviation is a private company. It's in no way connected to the City of Shreveport. We have no authority to regulate their business. I was thinking if Mr. Jackson's question may be a zoning issue in terms of why they were allowed to go in there, and we may ask our zoning guys to comment on that. But it is really a private company on private property.

Councilman Webb: Would he be maybe possibly file a complaint with the FAA, and let them look into it? That would be maybe a direction he could go in to see.

Mr. Sibley: Well if you recall the FAA really has no - - - that's what our airport guys last week decided it's not an FAA issue, because they're not flying. They're just an aviation company. They're not operating out of the airport or even our downtown airport.

Councilwoman McCulloch: The young man that came when I presented the first set of photos, he expressed that he was going to get back with this council. So, did he not get back with the council?

Mr. Sibley: He did - - -

Mayor Glover: Let me take it from here Dale. Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, Councilwoman McCulloch, if you will remember the initial concern was that this was a part of the downtown airport. That's what was initially presented to the Council and to the Administration. As we were able to determine before the conclusion of the last meeting, that it was in fact not the downtown Shreveport airport. Metro Aviation does not have any connection with the downtown airport. This is in fact as Mr. Jackson has reported, a business, in fact it's a well known, well respected, well reputed business that employs a significant number of folks, and they are operating out of as he has correctly stated, the old Solo Cup building, or facility and have been there for quite some time. So, this is not connected or affiliated with either the downtown airport or the Shreveport Regional Airport, or any City of Shreveport owned facility. They have been operating out of that particular facility, I know for at least the last - - - oh, it's been longer than that. They have - - -

Mr. Jackson: It could have been, but they do mechanic work. They just brought - - - the helicopters ain't been there. They weren't there when they first moved in there.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Jackson, I'm - - - I don't want to - - - I'm not going to argue with you at all.

Mr. Jackson: Yeah, but I've been there 20 years.

Mayor Glover: But I what I would say is that I know they have been there throughout the entirety of the time that I've been mayor of the City of Shreveport which is now slightly over four years. And I don't know what problems have developed recently, but this activity in terms of what you have described have been going on for quite some time, and I tell you frankly, it's the first time we've heard a complaint about it was when Councilwoman McCulloch expressed it to us at the last meeting. As I say, we were able to get with Mack McMillan, the gentleman that you saw that stood up that was in the back of the Council Chamber who did in fact step forward to affirm and confirm to myself and Mr. Sibley, that this was in fact something not associated with either of the airport facilities, not downtown Airport, but was in fact an independent separate aviation building operating within the Agurs Business area. This is an industrially zoned area where you've got dozens of companies throughout the City of Shreveport, or within the City of Shreveport to operate various types of businesses. It's on Hawn Avenue which is just down the street from - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: I know exactly where it is, I've been there.

Mayor Glover: Right. So, it's not the city, it's not the airport, and as I said, it is a business that has been operating for more than a few years. I'm sitting here now looking at their website. They were incorporated in 1982 as a helicopter charter. They came into the service business in 1983.

Mr. Jackson: I understand all that, but - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: They didn't have the helicopters at the time.

Mr. Jackson: I understand all that. I got the paperwork. I done the math, when they existed and all that in '82. But I'm talking about when they got in my back yard. They've been in my back yard going on 3 ½ years, about three years. But when they started the business, you didn't hear all that. It wasn't no noise in that business, they were doing just mechanic work. Now, they done put a helicopter pad in there and they destroyed my home. That let you know how close they are.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Now let me ask a question.

Mr. Jackson: And I ain't going - - - I got a new address. So, until something be done - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: So is there anything that the City of Shreveport can provide to him as a citizen living within a community being affected by - - - we don't have anything in place? I know we're talking about a noise ordinance not too long ago, do we have anything in place already? I mean I know with water and drainage, you can't own properties that would allow your properties to drain water underneath your neighbor's house. Is there anything in place that says you know, you can't if you have a business, you can't have a business that's going to affect the livelihood of citizens residing within a designated residential community. Do we not have anything in place?

Mayor Glover: Councilwoman, I would yield to our legal staff as well as the folks in zoning. I think part of the issue and the concern in this particular situation as even Mr. Jackson has referenced, this is a business that's been operating to his knowledge for at least 3+ years. To my knowledge I think sometime significantly before then.

Mr. Jackson: They wasn't there. Solo Cup was there. It wasn't there.

Mayor Glover: I know they came in after Solo Cup shut down.

Mr. Jackson: Well they moved in there, (inaudible).

Mayor Glover: Well, again I would say they have been there at least since 2007, 2008 or somewhere within that time frame because I know there were some other helicopter businesses that were looking at the area.

Mr. Jackson: That's fine, they got a golf course down there, they got the big trucking company moved out next to the airport down there, bit ole truck company had a big ole area. I mean a place larger than the Solo Cup Place. They could have move them down there where the rest of the airplanes was at.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Mr. Jackson, I don't think the argument here is - - - I mean my concern - - -

Mr. Jackson: (Inaudible) point blank.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Hold on just a minute. Mayor Glover, my concern now is I know that the business has been there all the time, but the problem now is the helicopter that hasn't been there all the time, that's affecting the - - - so I heard Mr. Sibley say that we were going to and you said that we would involve zoning and legals in this matter?

Mayor Glover: I think it would simply be a matter of having them confirm that 1) That this business has been operating for at least three years. Which means that probably from a legal standpoint, whatever timeframe in terms of challenging their right to operate and exist I'm sure have long passed, but I would yield confirmation to our legal staff and to our zoning staff. Any opportunity to be able to challenge the ability for this business to be able to legally operate is one that is a window that is long since passed.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And so we're going to be looking to see if this business is actually compatible. Is that correct?

Mayor Glover: Again, this business has been legally open and operating for over three years.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Without the helicopters?

Mayor Glover: No, no, no. (Inaudible) helicopter company as Mr. Jackson - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: No, no, no. I know company, I mean the actually ve-, I don't know if you'd call it a vehicle, but the actual helicopter hasn't been there. I know the company has been there and been existing, but the helicopter itself hasn't been there.

Mayor Glover: Councilwoman, they're not just helicopter, they're heli-cop-TERs.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Right, but they haven't been there until now?

Mayor Glover: Yes, they have been.

Mr. Jackson: Well apparently they wasn't - - - if they were there, they probably just bringing 'em - - I see 'em bring 'em in on trucks. But they take 'em out of there, they fly 'em out.

Mayor Glover: They assemble new helicopters, they renovate and repair old helicopters, they modify older helicopters. They are a full service (inaudible).

Mr. Jackson: Well why would we notify the people? Why wasn't the citizens notified in that area that they going to be flying them things in and out over our homes?

Mayor Glover: I would offer - - -

Mr. Jackson: They done destroyed mine. They can have mine now.

Mayor Glover: I would offer Mr. Jackson, Councilwoman that the current zoning of that facility is one that would be inclusive of - - -that this current use would be inclusive of what the zoning status was at the time that the operator as the Solo Cup company, or in fact it was a zoning that was applied for, approved, and given at the time prior to them coming in.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Without notifying the citizens?

Mayor Glover: If there were zoning changes that were made, then there is a process by which citizens are notified.

Mr. Jackson: If they're gone bring that type of noise in there, wouldn't you think they would notify the citizens?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Mr. Jackson?

Mayor Glover: I would yield, I would yield to - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jackson, we'll handle it from here. I appreciate you for coming.

Mayor Glover: I would yield to the zoning office to give specifics in terms of 1) What the zoning status is, how they manage to achieve that zoning status, if it was any different than what the zoning status was prior to the occupation. I would offer to you that's probably a very good chance that they were able to move into and occupy that particular facility based upon it's current zoning status, because the aspect of the helicopter flying that does take place is one probably that involves a testing of an aircraft that has been renovated, or repaired, or the testing and flying out of one that has been assembled. But heretofore, there has not been any acknowledgement from the administration of additional complaints. This is the first time that we've seen anything that amounts to a petition of citizens. As I said the initial presentation of this was one that indicated that it was a Shreveport issue involving the downtown airport. We were able just sampling listening to make a determination that it was not, and again, this is a company that is one of the best in its area, it's one that employs a considerable number of people throughout the Shreveport area with the exception of Mr. Jackson, I've not heard a complaint. But we certainly will look to have confirmed what the zoning situation is, how that zoning status was granted, and whether or not there was anything that was deviated from other than the norm. But beyond Mr. Jackson's concern and complaint, this has been a company that has been operating and working and employing for at least the last three or four years. From my recollection, it's been a little longer than that.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Actually, I've heard from at least three other residents that live on his side of that particular street. My concern is and I appreciate what you're saying for the City of Shreveport, my concern is that based on the livelihood of the citizens that are currently residing in

that community, I would like for this administration to make Metro Aviation business aware of the affect that it's having on the citizens at particular time. I don't know that they are even knowledgeable of the fact that neighbors are having problems. Was it anything that this administration can do to get with Metro Aviation to let them know that we have residents that livelihood is being affected by the landing and whatever of the helicopter at this point. Being aware of the fact that they were in business back in the '80s, could this administration notify Metro Aviation? And present to them what's been presented to me and the City Councilmen.

Mayor Glover: We don't have a problem sharing those concerns, but most specifically, we will also as I mentioned, find out from the zoning department exactly what transpired with regard to zoning to confirm that and to assure Mr. Jackson as well as the Councilwoman and the rest of the council that their current presence is here is one that is legal, and that has followed the appropriate process for their being able to go in and operate their business and certainly, I know without question that I'm sure the folks want to be good corporate citizens and good corporate neighbors, and if they are unaware that there are problems that they are creating, then we will certainly, as the administration reach out to have a dialogue with them and see if there may be something that they might be able to do. But we also want to make sure that we balance that. Because as I said, this is the first time that this has managed to make it to this point in terms of complaints. And we want to know, or we want rather to be able to keep a good - - -.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I understand, with the businesses in the City of Shreveport.

Mayor Glover: Well, I'll tell you this. If you work in this industry, Councilwoman McCulloch, you not only pay a considerable amount of taxes, you also employ a considerable number of people. And these are folks who have skill levels to where they earn generally pretty well. And frankly, speaking as mayor, I want to keep as many of these types of jobs inside the city as possible. But I also want the residents who live in their homes and pay their property taxes as well.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And comfortable.

Mayor Glover: We'll see if we can't figure out how to achieve that balance.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay, and we'll have that report at our next work session?

Mayor Glover: Oh no, we'll get that. We don't have to wait until every council meeting to communicate. That's the great thing about being the administration, we work everyday.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Alright, I appreciate that guys.

Mayor Glover: We'll get that to you guys before then and I just got a note sent to me that says that they have been (inaudible) since 2007. Since 2007.

Councilman Shyne: I would just like to make this suggestion, and I was wondering if Ms. Moore could hear this. You might be able to look into some of the grants that you get to see if we might

be able to call this an emergency, or a disaster or something that we might be able to assist these people in maybe being relocated. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Hopefully, we're not issuing an emergency disaster.

Councilwoman McCulloch: We might need to look at that.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, as we're still on public comments, at this point, let us move to Confirmations and Appointments to be considered today (while I don't believe we have any).

Confirmations and appointments.

Mr. Thompson: We have none Mr. Chairman.

Consent Agenda Legislation.

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None.

Ordinances: None.

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 51 of 2011

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSHUA C. WEIR & DANIELLE Y. WEIR, LOCATED AT 9534 MAZANT LN, TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Joshua C. Weir & Danielle Y. Weir have agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Joshua C. Weir & Danielle Y. Weir be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9534 Mazant Ln., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt.

Councilman Webb: I'd like some discussion about - - - real quick related to this. I know that's in Twelve Oaks, and I'm going to be in support of it, but when did we annex twelve oaks into the city? Does anybody recall?

Mayor Glover: Ron, you?

Councilman Webb: Roy?

Councilman Corbin: Roy is coming forward.

Councilman Webb: I know it's been a lot of discussion on some of these meetings about annexation. And I cannot recall other than Southern Trace with the addition to that subdivision, when the last time the City actually annexed any property into the city.

Mr. Jambor: In that specific area or in general?

Councilman Webb: In general.

Mr. Jambor: Agurs was the last major annexation we had, which would have been at the end of the Hightower administration. There've been small ones off and on I would think, but that was the last massive amount of property.

Councilman Webb: That's what I think, cause I know I had been hearing those questions at the Bond meetings. People would say we needed to quick annexing you know the city, and I said, we hadn't annexed anything that I recall other than that extra portion of Southern Trace.

Mr. Jambor: Yeah, and we created kinda of a strange thing. I'm not sure if I would agree with the description that of filling in a hole, because if you look at the map, I mean it's very strange. But it's not the most remote piece of property either. Southern Trace is. Now I would say that is very (inaudible).

Councilman Webb: Well I know that is just an add on to the back end of it.

Mr. Jambor: Yeah, in my recollection, if I were to create a map of the original Sothern Trace annexation, what you had was virtually something the width of the road, it went all the way out there to grab it. And now since then we've annexed pieces that are on that trail if you will. And this is another one on that trail.

Councilman Webb: Let the record show that my vote would have been a 'YES', you cleared before I had a chance to vote.

Councilman S. Jenkins: We haven't voted yet.

Councilman O. Jenkins: It ain't up there yet. Bea, have we voted?

Ms. Johnson: I'm sorry, I was being noseey.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Ordinances: None.

Regular Agenda Legislation

Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage or Which Will Require Only One Reading

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT BY LOYOLA COLLEGE PREP AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in wholesome activities that serve to benefit the educational community by its involvement in programs directly benefiting the school students, the community and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, Loyola College Prep desires to provide a wholesome activity open to the community and to benefit its students by hosting its annual Trivia Night on April 14-18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Loyola College Prep has requested the use of certain city owned equipment during the event; and

WHEREAS, the program sponsored by Loyola College Prep provides an educational opportunity to benefit the school and the community which serves a public benefit and serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use of certain city owned equipment, in particular; tables, chairs, and trash cans by Loyola College Prep during the annual Trivia Night of April 14-18, 2011 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by Loyola College Prep is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by Loyola College Prep in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And this is hurting my neck, keeping changing the screens on me.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN

AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES SPECIALTY SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the United States Specialty Sports Association, (hereinafter referred to as "USSSA") sponsors the 2012 and 2014 Black American World Softball Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the tournament have enabled the organization to continue its development of the sport of softball nationally; and

WHEREAS, the USSSA desires to hold the 2012 and 2014 Black American World Softball Tournaments at Cargill and Southern Hills Parks in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, persons residing in and around the Shreveport area are the primary beneficiaries of the efforts made by this organization; and

WHEREAS, the programs and efforts of this organization serve a public purpose and provide a public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport will be a major co-sponsor of the 2012 and 2014 USSSA Black American World Softball Tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA), substantially and in accordance with the draft thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt.

Councilman Webb: If you wake up with a crick in your neck in the morning, you'll know why.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I blame one person.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Shyne: Bea, he's going to try and take something from your salary.

RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL WITH COOK, YANCEY, KING AND GALLOWAY, APLC AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2010, the Shreveport City Council adopted Resolution 176 of 2010 which, among other things, recognizes the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Union and AFSCME Local 13-25 as the exclusive representative agent for City employees and provides for other matters related thereto; and

WHEREAS, by authority of Resolution 281 of 2010, the law firm of Cook, Yancey, King and Galloway, APLC (S. Price Barker), Attorneys at Law was retained to represent the City in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the resolution authorizing execution of the retainer agreement incorrectly states that the firm will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$165.00 per hour, plus expenses; and

WHEREAS, the resolution authorizing execution of the retainer agreement should correctly state that the firm will be compensated at an hourly rate of \$175.00 per hour, plus expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the retainer agreement with Cook, Yancey, King and Galloway, APLC (S. Price Barker), Attorneys at Law authorized by Resolution 281 of 2010 substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection, together with the original copy of this resolution in the office of the Clerk of Council on March 8, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt.

Councilman Webb: What is this one pertaining to?

Councilman O. Jenkins: They misquoted the price in their original estimation.

Councilman Webb: Oh, okay.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Only about \$10 Councilman

Councilwoman McCulloch: \$10 or \$10,000?

Councilman S. Jenkins: No, I said \$10 an hour Councilman.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Oh, okay.

Councilman O. Jenkins: They're nickel and diming us.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PARKING SYSTEM MANAGEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Shreveport (“DDA”) manages the parking enforcement program for the City of Shreveport (“City”) including the authority to maintain parking meters, to provide for the issuance of parking infraction citations, and the collection of money deposited in parking meters; and

WHEREAS, the previous contract with DDA expired on December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this resolution would authorize the Mayor to execute a three (3) year contract for parking system management with the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Shreveport.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, a contract for parking system management with the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Shreveport, substantially in accord with the draft hereof filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on March 8, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, and applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering if they are happy and satisfied now?

Councilman O. Jenkins: (Inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Oh, okay.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON MAY 5, 2011, WITH A RAINDATE BEING MAY 13, 2011, RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 6425 YOUREE DRIVE FOR THE UNITED TITLE OF LOUISIANA CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Michael Corbin

WHEREAS, United Title of Louisiana located at 6425 Youree Drive will host a Customer Appreciation Day on May 5, 2011, with a raindate being May 13, 2011, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, United Title of Louisiana desires to dispense and allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at 6425 Youree Drive during the event; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to dispense alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance, Section 10-190(a) prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of a business or on other property of a business where said property is open to the public, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure, and Section 10-81 provides that Section 10-41 (requiring a retail dealer's permit) shall not apply to a bona fide nonprofit event meeting the requirements of this section, only when it is held within the confines of an enclosed building; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would allow the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of United Title of Louisiana, 6425 Youree Drive, on May 5, 2011, with a raindate being May 13, 2011, for a Customer Appreciation Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the suspension of Sections 10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) on May 5, 2011, with a raindate being May 13, 2011, for a Customer Appreciation Day, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at United Title of Louisiana located at 6425 Youree Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this

resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO “THURSDAY NITE TROLLEY TOURS” AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, several local organizations, agencies, and venues, including the City of Shreveport, have collaborated to continue the trolley tours and other events in downtown Shreveport as a means to reinvigorate activity and renew interest in the area and to highlight the entertainment, food, art, history, film, trivia, science, and culture found in the area; and

WHEREAS, participants may engage in a number of activities while on the tour including but not limited to outside dining and consumption of alcoholic beverages at area café’s and other venues and locations, public street(s) or sidewalk(s) within the tour area, or while a passenger on a trolley while moving from location to location on the tour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances relative to prohibitions on outside dining and the consumption, dispensing, possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages on a public street or sidewalk within the tour area, or the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages while a passenger on a trolley while moving from location to location on the tour are hereby suspended between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. each Thursday beginning March 31, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in connection with the “Thursday Nite Trolley Tour” and related events and activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Introduction of Resolutions (*Not to be adopted prior to April 12, 2011*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 54 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Norris Ferry Road, LLC, hereinafter called "owner" and acting herein through William L. Mayfield, Manager, for the private water and sewer main extensions and related facilities to serve St. Charles Place Subdivision Units 10 and 11, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

2. **Resolution No. 55 of 2011**: A resolution stating the city of Shreveport's endorsement of Vanderberg Construction, Inc., to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana restoration tax abatement program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson) (*Public Hearing – April 26, 2011*)(*Not to be adopted prior to April 26, 2011*)

3. **Resolution No. 56 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by the Department of the Air Force – Barksdale Air Force Base, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

4. **Resolution No. 57 of 2011**: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by the American Cancer Society for the Shreveport Relay for Life, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

5. **Resolution No. 58 of 2011**: A resolution ratifying the use of certain equipment by the American Cancer Society for the Bossier Relay for Life and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Webb to introduce Resolution No(s). 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58 of 2010 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Introduction of Ordinances (*Not to be adopted prior to April 12, 2011*)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we're now under Introduction of Ordinances. The Chair indicated that he may want to remove one of the ordinances.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I would like to make a motion to remove No. 34.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Second

2. **Ordinance No. 34 of 2011**: An ordinance amending Article 2 of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport providing for the regulation of noise; Providing for fines and penalties for violation thereof; Providing an effective date, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins)

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to remove Ordinance No. 34 of 2011 from the agenda.

Councilman O. Jenkins: With that in mind, I'd like to convene a Public Safety Meeting on Friday, the 1st of April at 3:30 p.m. If we could have somebody from DOS and Environmental there for sure as well as the CAO and any other relevant department that you think is appropriate to address that. I certainly think a noise ordinance should be falling under the environmental sector from my perspective, but if you have additional groups or departments that you think it's relative to, hopefully we'll have them involved with the discussion.

Mayor Glover: We'll comply.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

The Clerk Read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 33 of 2011**: An ordinance declaring the City's intention to acquire full ownership of a certain adjudicated property located at 700 Cotton Street, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

3. **Ordinance No. 35 of 2011**: ANNEXATION - TAG NO. 10-02: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport - A 35.13 acre tract of land, being adjacent to St. Charles Place Subdivision, located in Section 29, (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin) (*Public Hearing – April 12, 2011*)

4. **Ordinance No. 36 of 2011**: ZONING – C-17-11: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on northwest corner of David Raines Road and Jonquil Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed **from R-1H, (SPI-2 Urban, One-Family Residence (Industrial Park Overlay) District to B-1, (SPI-2) Buffer Business (Industrial Park Overlay) District** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)

5. **Ordinance No. 37 of 2011**: ZONING – C-18-11: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 Of The Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the south side of Ford Street, 75 feet east of Boisseau Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., **from R-3, Urban, Multi-Family Residence District to B-1-E, Buffer Business/Extended Use District**

limited to “residential use, indoor retail sales, coffee shop, restaurant, barber/beauty shop and/or laundry pick-up” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/McCulloch)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to introduce Ordinance No(s). 33, 35, 36, and 37 of 2010 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Ordinances on Second Reading and Final Passage (*Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers*)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 5 of 2011:** An ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 102 of the Code of Ordinances relative to vehicles for hire, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson) (*Postponed March 8, 2011 until March 22, 2011*)

Having passed first reading on January 25, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Corbin.

Mr. Thompson: In accordance with the discussion yesterday, there are four amendments. Amendment No(s). 1 and 2 will not be considered. Of Amendments 3 and 4, only one should be adopted. Would you like for me to read Amendment No. 3.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Absolutely read No. 3.

The Clerk read the following:

AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 TO ORDINANCE 5 OF 2011

Substitute the Ordinance originally attached to the Fact Sheet for the attached copy of the Ordinance.

Explanation of Amendment

This amendment deletes the definition of “shuttle service” contained in the original ordinance and adds a new definition for “interactive transportation service; adds new provisions in Section 102-87 relative to the ownership, rates charged, operation, etc., of an interactive transportation service, and it defines interactive service vehicle as one equipped to carry up to 10 passengers.

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to adopt Amendment No. 3 Ordinance No. 5 of 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None Abstained: Councilman Everson. 1.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I assume that I will not read Amendment No. 4? If that's true, then a motion to adopt as amended.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, I'll make a motion to adopt as amended.

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Corbin to adopt Ordinance No. 5 of 2011 as amended.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You know I think this is certainly a point to look at Shreveport as an opportunity for young people with ideas and good ideas to move this forward. I'm quite sure that whatever it was 30 some years ago in Bentonville, AR when Sam Walton wanted to open a little grocery store, I'm sure the rest of the grocery store operators in town were not particularly enthusiastic about it. But, you know I think as those years have rolled by, I think they're pretty excited about what he created, and I hope you have all the same success as Walmart does and has had in Bentonville for their city (inaudible). And I certainly think that it'd be very shortsighted of us to not give these gentlemen an opportunity to move forward with a good idea.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I also want to make a comment. I believe the last thing that I or any member of the Council would want to do is to curb and existing business or an existing industry that's in the city. But at the same time, I believe we do have to balance it with making opportunities for new and emerging business to come into the city and give our young people an opportunity to invest in the city and to hopefully create their legacy. I made some statements at one point, I think it may have been at the last meeting that I talked about the difference in clientele, and I don't want that to be misinterpreted. They had no socioeconomic issue at all behind what I was saying. I was speaking more in terms of utility. I still think that our taxi cab industry is a vital part of our city. And I think that people will use taxi cabs, and I still think the vast majority of our citizens use taxi cabs are going to continue to do it. I believe that we should give this I-Shuttle concept an opportunity to work, and as I see it, that they meet it. If it's created by an ordinance, it can also be dissolved by an ordinance. You know we need to give it an opportunity to work, see if it works. My hope is that it'll become a valuable part of the transportation industry here in the city. I think it's a lot that the I-Shuttle people could learn from the taxi cab business. By the same token, I think it's a lot the taxi cab business could learn from the I-Shuttle. I think this city is big enough for both to coexist. And with that, that's why I supported this ordinance today. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I would in accordance with some of the discussions I had with many of the taxi cab folks, I would like the record to reflect that we as a council will review this ordinance in a years time, whatever that is. I think they've asked for that, and I think that's the least we could do, to at least you know get kind of a status report so to speak on how this has affected them at some level, and/or what we need to tweak on this particular ordinance, just to make sure that it is correctly - - - you know, does encompass what we're trying to do. So, if we could have the record reflect that at this point.

Councilman Shyne: Good assessment Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Chairman, if I may. I also feel that even the ordinance as it exist right now for the taxi cab drivers, we need to start taking a look at it as well. Because there are a few changes in there I think that we might look at possibly changing in the fare, rate fees and to put them on a more even playing field. And I think - - - you know I'd still like for us to meet with them in a public safety meeting or something and discuss those things.

Councilman Everson: If I could add onto that, in looking at Shreveport's ordinance when this came up, it was in reference to this I-Shuttle concept, but there've been many others in the vehicle for hire industry. Not just taxi cabs, but other people who had questions about this ordinance. It is newly enforced, there's a staffer that's making sure that it's enforced for the first time. And so there are going to be a lot of questions and I think it's incumbent on us as the City Council to continue to review it to see if there are policies that we can pick up, perhaps wherever regulated.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman?

Councilman O. Jenkins: There's an opportunity for Public Comments at the end, and I'll certainly let you get a chance then.

Councilman Shyne: In reviewing this and looking at this, I would hope that the taxi cab industry would keep in mind an old fellow like me who want a cab and don't have a whole lot of money and I might not be able to afford those guys maybe once a year, I might be able to afford y'all, but other than that, I'd have to stick with the folks who've been loyal to me, so I would hope in the process of us looking at that, that we do not raise the salary too much because I won't be down here from now on, and the Mayor won't be down here either and he might be in a position where we need a cab.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well now, are you referring to the horse and buggy mode of transportation, or are you actually referring to the taxi cab?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I too support the new transit. Someone called, who did I actually talk to, this young man on the phone, and I did express to him - - - he was explaining his package plan, you know for instance I know in the past Councilman Jenkins when we were on our conference trips, sometimes three or four of us could hop in a cab and we all pay one flat fee. But that's not the case with him. He says that you know if we're traveling as a group out on governmental business, if we call his company, then that means instead of each one of us paying, instead of us paying just a flat fee of \$10, that means that everybody that calls his service, as a group and as public elected officials, I would really want you to give an exception at some point. You know when you get your groups like that, especially a big conferences that come to town, I mean, or consider you're going to have groups that are actually going to be traveling from place to place, you might want to give them a discount of some sort, versus charging them - - - that's right. Okay. Thank you so much.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well Councilwoman McCulloch always had me pay her part anyway. I don't know what she's complaining about.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I don't want to pay.

Councilman Shyne: And Sam, I heard that too.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 6. Nays: None Abstained: Councilman Everson. 1.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before you leave this area, you mind if I offer a comment.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I wouldn't think you'd miss an opportunity.

Mayor Glover: Don't want to be gratuitous Mr. Chairman, but I do want to say especially since the Council has passed this, with what I think is a 6-0 vote with one abstention, it is veto proof. So, you don't have to worry about me getting in the way of this, but I want to express as one who grew up at a time in this city where jitney was not a bad word. In fact the first time I got to downtown Shreveport outside of my father's or my mother's or my grandfather's car, was in a jitney, and so the idea that there are different alternatives and innovative ways that people figure out how to facilitate transportation that fill niches that otherwise are unavailable. The reason why jitneys existed where I grew up is because while we were contiguous to the City of Shreveport, very close to it, we were an unincorporated part of the parish. And so public buses didn't run, we didn't have the trolley's and we were in an area that I think was generally not covered by the city's taxi cab ordinance. So you didn't see much taxi cab service.

Councilman Shyne: And they were scared to come up there during that time.

Mayor Glover: Well I wouldn't have said that Mr. Shyne, but there might have been some who might have been of that mind set. You had some who came in, but they probably got back out maybe rather quickly as well. And so there have been instances in the past where people have figured out how to offer a situation that fills the transportation niche, I want to encourage Shreveport as a place that is welcome to innovation. And as I've said previously to Councilman Everson and others of you, I applaud you for being willing to take the time and express and exercise the patience that was necessary in order to be able to take a rather challenging and tenable situation, and simply work it out. You didn't just simply ram through changes that might have facilitated the I-Shuttle situation, without trying to be as aware and concerned and as sensitive to those folks who are currently in business. You took your time, you exercised the kind of level headed judgment that I know the folks who voted for you would expect you to do. But you also made Shreveport the kind of place that is open and welcome and encouraging of folks who choose to think outside the box, who bring in new ideas, new resources, new perspectives, and without question, that's something that we need more of. I'm thankful to have at least a good representation of it here, and we certainly want to make sure that we go out and get more of it. So thank you Mr. Chairman, and thank you members of the Council.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And I'd like to say too, Uncle Joe, you know daddy ran jitney and he's not here.

Councilman Shyne: Sure did.

Councilwoman McCulloch: You can't do anything to him now. But you know he was working \$200 a month in the Caddo Parish School System, and I don't know if that was a legal thing. You can't do anything to daddy now, but daddy ran jitney on Saturdays.

Councilman Shyne: That's right Rose.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, before we hear Joe's retort, lets just move on to No. 18 at this point.

2. **Ordinance No. 18 of 2011**: An ordinance amending the 2011 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Corbin) (*Postponed March 8, 2011 until March 22, 2011*)

Having passed first reading on February 8, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 18 OF 2011

In the "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED" clause:

Delete:

~~In Section 2 (Appropriations):~~

General Government

~~Decrease Operating Reserves by \$1,950,000~~

~~Increase Transfer to Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund by \$1,950,000~~

Add:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts);

Department of Operational Services/Solid Waste Division

Decrease External Service Charges by \$1,735,400

General Government

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$1,735,400

Explanation of Amendment:

This amendment recognizes revenue received in the amount of \$214,600.

The City Council adopted a \$2.50 fee for garbage collection on November 9, 2010 affected on January 1, 2011. On February 8, 2011, Ordinance 6 (amendment #1) of 2011 repealed the \$2.50 garbage fee. Therefore, the \$2.50 fee was collected for approximately one month. An adjustment is needed to the 2011 General Fund budget to recognize the repeal of the \$2.50 garbage fee.

Motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 18 of 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: We need a motion to adopt as amended.

Motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt Ordinance No. 18 of 2011 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2011**: An ordinance amending section 66-26 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the Employees' Retirement System, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(Postponed March 8, 2011 until March 22, 2011)*

Mr. Thompson: The Administration asked that this be postponed.

Having passed first reading on February 22, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Webb to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

4. **Ordinance No. 27 of 2011**: An ordinance declaring the City's intention to acquire full ownership of a certain adjudicated property located at 802 Cotton Street. (B/Everson)

Having passed first reading on March 8, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

5. **Ordinance No. 28 of 2011**: An ordinance repealing Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 11 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the creation and establishment of the Department of Operational

Services; To enact Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 7 relative to the creation and establishment of the Department of Water and Sewerage; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Webb: So moved

Councilman O. Jenkins: Any chance we can do all - - -

Councilman Corbin: Second.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Or do we have to do each one separately, or - - -

Mr. Thompson: I guess you can adopt 28, 29, and 30.

6. **Ordinance No. 29 of 2011**: An ordinance mending Chapter 2, Article IV of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to enact Division 8 relative to the creation and establishment of the Department of Public Works, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

7. **Ordinance No. 30 of 2011**: An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IV of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to enact Division 8A relative to the creation and establishment of the Department of Engineering and Environmental Services, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on March 8, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt Ordinance No(s). 28, 29, and 30 of 2011.

Councilman Webb: So moved on all three.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Second.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't see any point in not doing all three. Okay, any discussion at this point?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Just briefly, and I am going to support the motion, but as we move forward with this, I believe, I certainly hope that we'd be doing it with a sense of fairness and equity as to promotions. That was a concern of mine when looking at the way we're about to go about doing it along with skill training of our workforce, and hopefully at some point, skill based compensation budget (inaudible), and I say those things because I know at one time we had the departments divided, then there was a problem putting them together. Now we're dividing the departments out again. That results in a lot of changes at the top, but I am concerned about the people in the middle of that chart, and I'm very concerned about the people at the bottom of that chart, that they have opportunities for promotions, have opportunities for training, and that we are investing in the training, and that we also try to keep them here. A large part of that is going to be considering

compensation for them. With that, I am going to be voting for the motion today. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Everson: I have a question on this. And this is concerning the Water and Sewerage organization chart. When we went over it yesterday, I didn't have as much of a knowledge about how it's currently organized, but after some conversation I did have a question about under the superintendent of purification, are those responsibilities as they're laid out there, the same as they currently are, or have those been amended?

Mr. Sibley: No. They currently are correct. There are no major changes in functions of those divisions or sections.

Councilman Everson: Okay, I just had one particular question about that. The person who questioned me about was not sure that if it was different on paper or if it just may feel differently in the practice at the office. So that clarifies that.

Mr. Sibley: It may be a function of - - - as the Chairman pointed out yesterday, it may be a function of leadership. I'm not sure what leadership emerges in these departments, but other than that the basic description has not changed.

Councilman Shyne: And we're going to look to you to stay on top of that.

Ms. Johnson: Mr. Chairman, is the motion to adopt 28, 29, and 30?

Councilman O. Jenkins: That is correct.

Ms. Johnson: And who seconded the motion?

Councilwoman McCulloch: I seconded.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, you may also want to point out to the public that this reorganizes the Department of Operational Services into three departments within the city, but it does not change any functions of what the citizens are now receiving.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Nor does it incur a greater budgetary burden on the city either. Good point. Thank you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And she inquired about the second. I made the second.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. Do you have everything you need?

Ms. Johnson: Yes sir.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

8. **Ordinance No. 31 of 2011**: An ordinance amending the 2011 General Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on March 8, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins .

Amendment Number 1 to Ordinance Number 31 of 2010

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations) amend the budget for Engineering Services to read as follows:

Engineering Services

Increase Personal Services by \$3,152,100

Increase Materials and Supplies by \$75,200

Increase Contractual Services by \$458,000

Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$59,900

Increase Transfers to Other Funds by \$26,500

Total \$3,771,700

Also in Section 2 (Appropriations), delete the following:

Information Technology

Increase Personal Services by \$58,300.

Explanation of Amendment:

DOS Administration employees (2) originally being transferred to Engineering Services and to Informational Technology, are now being transferred to the new Department of Water and Sewerage.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 31 of 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt Ordinance No. 31 of 2011 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

9. **Ordinance No. 32 of 2011**: An ordinance amending the 2011 Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on March 8, 2011 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins .

Amendment Number 1, to Ordinance Number 32 of 2010

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

Delete the following:

~~In Section 2 (Appropriations):~~

~~Decrease Personal Services by \$588,900~~

~~Decrease Materials and Supplies by \$32,500~~

~~Decrease Contractual Services by \$222,200~~

~~Decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$53,900~~

~~Increase Transfer to General Fund by \$507,500~~

Insert the following:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Personal Services by \$471,400

Decrease Materials and Supplies by \$32,500

Decrease Contractual Services by \$222,200

Decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$53,900

Increase Transfer to General Fund by \$390,000

Explanation of Amendment:

DOS Administration employees (2) originally being transferred to Engineering Services and to Informational Technology, are now being transferred to the new Department of Water and Sewerage.

Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 32 of 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt Ordinance No. 32 of 2011 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 102 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO VEHICLES FOR HIRE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JEFF EVERSON

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Section 102-1 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to now read as follows:

Sec. 102-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Interactive transportation service means the transportation of passengers for hire in, over and upon the public streets of either Shreveport or Bossier City in a motor vehicle that is equipped to carry up to ten (10) passengers, such service being provided on a prearrangement basis. All calls for service shall be made by use of a computer or multi-media device and computer application software designed and intended to permit passengers to track, schedule and pay for such service.

BE IT ORDAINED, that certain sections of Section 102-81 of the Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to now read as follows:

Sec. 102-81. Vehicle requirements.

The following general regulations shall apply to all vehicles for hire, as designated in this article:

(6) Passenger restraint devices. No taxicab, limousine or interactive transportation service shall carry more persons as passengers than there are functioning seat belts in the vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Article IIIA. Operating Regulations, is hereby amended to add thereto Section 102-87 to now read as follows:

Sec. 102-87. Interactive transportation service.

The following rules and regulations shall govern the business of operating an interactive transportation service as a vehicle for hire as provided for in this article:

(1) All calls for service shall be made by use of a computer or multi-media device and computer application software designed and intended to permit passengers to track, schedule and pay for such service.

(2) All interactive transportation service vehicles shall be equipped with a pre-installed credit card reader.

(3) Payment of any fee, fare or charge for any service provided by an interactive transportation service provider shall be made by exclusively by credit card through a pre-installed credit card reader or by use of a multi-media device and computer application software designed and intended to accept such payment.

Except for voluntary tips, it shall be unlawful for the driver of an interactive transportation vehicle to accept payment for any service provided by an interactive transportation service provider except as set forth in this subsection.

(4) It shall be unlawful for the driver of an interactive transportation service vehicle to solicit or receive any passenger for service except as set forth in subsection (1) of this section. The driving of interactive transportation service vehicle along, upon or across streets, or any location where there is not a call for interactive service, for the purpose of picking up passengers awaiting buses, taxicabs, casino shuttles, or within 100 feet thereof, is hereby declared to be cruising and is strictly prohibited.

(5) *Rates.*

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, rates of fares for an interactive transportation service operating in the city shall be as listed herein. Rates shall be posted inside each vehicle and shall be printed in plain, legible type, posted on a card which shall be placed in such a manner that it can be

easily and conveniently read by any passenger riding therein. Rates shall not be adjusted more than once in a 365 day period and only with the approval of the city council.

- (1) For the first mile or fraction thereof, a maximum of \$4.00.
- (2) For each additional one-eighth mile or fraction thereof, \$0.25.
- (3) No charge shall be assessed for waiting time.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit an interactive transportation service from being operated for a flat rate or charge in which case, the rate or the charge shall be mutually agreed upon between the driver and the party responsible for the payment of the fare prior to the beginning of the service. The amount of the rate or the charge agreed upon between the driver and the party responsible for the payment of the fare shall be no greater than the amount which would be charged for the same service calculated at the rates contained in this section.

(b) How rates are applied.

- (1) The rates set out in this section shall be charged to each passenger.
- (2) The distance traveled per trip and the rate to be charged for the trip shall be determined by use of a satellite-based navigation system.

(c) Overcharging. No driver of an interactive transportation service vehicle shall charge more for use of such vehicle than is authorized by this section.

(d) Display of rates. All interactive transportation service vehicles shall be equipped with a monitor or other device which shall display the charge or fare in an accurate manner and which shall permit the passenger to view the monitor or device from a seated position inside the vehicle.

(6) *Written receipt upon request.* The driver of any vehicle used in the operation of an interactive transportation service shall provide, upon request of the passenger, a written receipt showing the time and date of the transport and, the amount charged therefore.

(7) *Company owed vehicle.* Any vehicle used in the operation of an interactive transportation service shall be owned by and titled to the individual or association issued the vehicle for hire license as set forth in this chapter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 TO ORDINANCE 5 OF 2011

Substitute the Ordinance originally attached to the Fact Sheet for the attached copy of the Ordinance.

Explanation of Amendment

This amendment deletes the definition of “shuttle service” contained in the original ordinance and adds a new definition for “interactive transportation service; adds new provisions in Section 102-87 relative to the ownership, rates charged, operation, etc., of an interactive transportation service.

Jenkins

ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Michael Corbin

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2011 budget for the General Fund to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 139 of 2010, the 2011 budget for the General Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

General Government

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$1,950,000

Increase Transfer to Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund by \$1,950,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 139 of 2010 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this

ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 18 OF 2011

In the “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED” clause:

Delete:

~~In Section 2 (Appropriations):~~

General Government

~~Decrease Operating Reserves by \$1,950,000~~

~~Increase Transfer to Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund by \$1,950,000~~

Add:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts);

Department of Operational Services/Solid Waste Division

Decrease External Service Charges by \$1,735,400

General Government

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$1,735,400

Explanation of Amendment:

This amendment recognizes revenue received in the amount of \$214,600.

The City Council adopted a \$2.50 fee for garbage collection on November 9, 2010 affected on January 1, 2011. On February 8, 2011, Ordinance 6 (amendment #1) of 2011 repealed the \$2.50 garbage fee. Therefore, the \$2.50 fee was collected for approximately one month. An adjustment is needed to the 2011 General Fund budget to recognize the repeal of the \$2.50 garbage fee.

ORDINANCE NO. 27 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY’S INTENTION TO ACQUIRE FULL OWNERSHIP OF A CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 802 COTTON STREET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, has a tax interest in the herein below described property which has been adjudicated for the non-payment of City property taxes, said property being more fully described below along with the names of the last known owner of record of the property; and

WHEREAS, under La. R. S. 47:2236 et. seq. when property has been adjudicated to a political subdivision , the political subdivision may declare by ordinance that is intends to acquire a full ownership interest in the property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare its intention to acquire the following property in full ownership:

Geographical #	Physical Address	Legal Description	Assessed Owner
181437-014-0043-00	802 Cotton Street	Lots 1, 2, & NE’LY ½ of Lot 3, Blk. 1, W.R. Carter Subdivision TAL 5, Shreveport LA	CP/US Bank 1 % and The Dellinger Foundation 99%

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (B) this ordinance shall be filed with the recorder of mortgages, who shall index the names of the tax debtor and the City of Shreveport as mortgagees.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (C) AND (D), notice shall be given to all persons whose interests the city intends to terminate, and notice shall be published in the official journal. Both notices shall state that the tax sale parties (defined by La. R. S. 47:2122) shall have sixty days after the date of the notice, if five years have elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, or six months after the date of notice, if five years have not elapsed from the filing of the tax sale certificate, to redeem the property or otherwise challenge the acquisition in a court of competent jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (E), if the property is not redeemed within said time limits, this ordinance shall become operative and the City of Shreveport shall acquire full ownership of the property, subject only to such rights as determined by a final judgment rendered in an action filed within the time limits set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that in accordance with La. R. S. 47:2236 (E), the City shall file a notice in the conveyance records indicating that it has acquired full ownership of the property in compliance with the statute.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

ORDINANCE NO. 28 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONAL SEVICES; TO ENACT CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 7 RELATIVE TO THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWERAGE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Department of Operational Services currently exists as a department of City government and includes the office of public works, office of water and sewerage, office of the city engineer, office of administration, and the office of environmental affairs; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.02(c) of the Charter of the City of Shreveport authorizes the Mayor to study the needs and requirements of the City and report to the City Council his recommendations for action upon any matter he deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, after study, City officials have determined that adjustments in the size and configuration of the current Department of Operational Services would yield increased performance, efficiency and delivery of services to citizens of the city of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, City officials recommend that offices within the current department be reassigned to new stand alone departments to be established and created by the City Council pursuant to Section 4.20 (b) of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the study also determined that a need currently exists for direct and precise control over water and sewerage operations in regard to both maintenance and capital construction levels as well as direct tracking of revenues and expenditures for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.20 (b) of the Charter authorizes the City Council to create and establish new departments to administer functions not established by the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Department of Water and Sewerage will allow for the consolidation of functions and duties of the City's water and sewerage operations into a single department as a means to promote the effective, cost efficient delivery of water and sewerage services to users of the system.

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 11 of the City of Shreveport Code of

Ordinances is hereby repealed relative to the creation and establish of the Department of Operational Services.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

DIVISION 7. DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWERAGE

Sec. 2-201. Created; duties.

(a) Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance and pursuant to Section 4.20 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport, there is hereby created and established the department of water and sewerage. Any reference to the office of water and sewer as a office of the department of operational services in any ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligation, contract, grant or document vesting any power in, assigning any function to, or imposing any duty upon that office shall be deemed to refer to the department of water and sewerage.

(b) The department shall be responsible for maintenance and operation of the City's water and sewerage system and such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to it by ordinance or other authority.

Sec. 2-202. Offices created; appointments.

(a) Unless until otherwise provided by ordinance and pursuant to Section 4.20 of the Charter, the offices of director and deputy director(s) of the department of water and sewerage are hereby created.

(b) The mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the city council, the director of water and sewerage. After recommendation by the director of water and sewerage, the mayor shall also appoint deputy director(s) and/or assistant director(s) and division chief(s), and fill other appointed positions within the department of water and sewerage, subject to confirmation by the city council.

Section 2-203. Duties of director.

Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance pursuant to Section 4.20, the director of water and sewerage shall be the head of the department of water and sewerage and shall have immediate direction and control of all employees in the department in accordance with the policies promulgated by the mayor or the chief administrative officer. To that end and with the approval of the chief administrative officer, the director shall:

- (1) Appoint and remove all officers and employees of the department, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and other applicable law.
- (2) Develop and implement rules and regulations consistent with the Charter and the ordinances of the city prescribing the duties and responsibilities of all officers and employees of the department, and supervise and control their activities.
- (3) Perform the duties prescribed for the director of water and sewerage provided by the Charter and by ordinance.

Sec. 2-204. Divisions

Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance, the department of water and sewerage shall consist of the division of administration, water purification, customer service, wastewater treatment, field operations and such other divisions as may be created by ordinance or as may be assigned to it by proper authority.

Sec. 2-205. Transitional provision.

When not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter, any reference in any ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligation, contract, grant or document vesting any power in, assigning any function to, or imposing any duty upon any office, officer, person or body abolished or reassigned by this division, shall be deemed to refer to the office, officer, person or body under this division that most closely corresponds to that designated in the Charter, Code, ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligations, contract, grant or document.

Secs. 2-206--210. Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ENACT DIVISION 8 RELATIVE TO THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the office of public works currently exists and functions within the Department of Operational Services; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.02(c) of the Charter of the City of Shreveport authorizes the Mayor to study the needs and requirements of the City and report to the council his recommendations for action upon any matter he deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, after study, City officials have determined that a need exists for direct and precise control over functions and operations within the current office of public works; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.20 (b) of the Charter, the City Council is authorized to create and establish new departments to administer functions not established by the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Department of Public Works will allow for the consolidation of functions and duties of the current office of public works into a single department as a means to promote the effective, cost efficient delivery of services to citizens of the City of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Chapter 2, Article VI of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to enact Division 8 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

DIVISION 8. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sec. 2-211. Created; duties.

(a) Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance and pursuant to Section 4.20 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport, there is hereby created and established the department of public works. Any reference to the office of public works as an office of the department of operational services in any ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligation, contract, grant or document vesting any power

in, assigning any function to, or imposing any duty upon that office shall be deemed to refer to the department of public works.

(b) The department shall be responsible for the construction, maintenance and cleaning of streets, sidewalks, alleys, and all public ways, the collection and disposal of garbage and other refuse, the lighting of streets and public ways, traffic engineering, drainage, issuance of buildings and occupancy permits and inspection of construction, and such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to it by ordinance or other authority.

Sec. 2-212. Offices created; appointments.

(a) Unless until otherwise provided by ordinance and pursuant to Section 4.20 of the Charter, the offices of director and deputy director(s) of the department of public works are hereby created.

(b) The mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the city council, the director of public works. After recommendation by the director of public works, the mayor shall also appoint deputy director(s) and division chief(s), and fill other appointed positions within the department of public works, subject to confirmation by the city council.

Section 2-213. Duties of director.

Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance pursuant to Section 4.20, the director of public works shall be the head of the department of public works and shall have immediate direction and control of all employees in the department in accordance with the policies promulgated by the mayor or the chief administrative officer. To that end and with the approval of the chief administrative officer, the director shall:

- (1) Appoint and remove all officers and employees of the department, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and other applicable law.
- (2) Develop and implement rules and regulations consistent with the Charter and the ordinances of the city prescribing the duties and responsibilities of all officers and employees of the department, and supervise and control their activities.
- (3) Perform the duties prescribed for the director of public works provided by the Charter and by ordinance.

Sec. 2-214. Divisions

Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance, the department of public works shall consist of the division of administration, solid waste disposal and collection, streets and drainage, traffic engineering services, fleet management and maintenance, permits and inspection and such other divisions as may be created by ordinance or as may be assigned to it by proper authority.

Sec. 2-215. Transitional provision.

When not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter, any reference in any ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligation, contract, grant or document vesting any power in, assigning any function to, or imposing any duty upon any office, officer, person or body abolished or reassigned by this division, shall be deemed to refer to the office, officer, person or body under this division that most closely corresponds to that designated in the Charter, Code, ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligations, contract, grant or document.

Secs. 2-216—2-218. Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 30 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ENACT DIVISION 8A RELATIVE TO THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the office of the city engineer and the office of environmental affairs currently exist and function within the Department of Operational Services; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.02(c) of the Charter of the City of Shreveport authorizes the Mayor to study the needs and requirements of the City and report to the council his recommendations for action upon any matter he deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, after study, City officials have determined that a need exists for direct and precise control over functions and operations within the Department as it currently exists; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.20 (b) of the Charter, the City Council is authorized to create and establish new departments to administer functions not established by the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Department of Engineering and Environmental Services as a stand alone department of City government will allow for the consolidation of functions and duties of the current office of the city engineer and the office of environmental affairs into a single department as a means to promote the effective, cost efficient delivery of services to citizens of the City of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Chapter 2, Article VI of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to enact Division 8A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

DIVISION 8A. DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Sec. 2-219. Created; duties.

(a) Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance and pursuant to Section 4.20 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport, there is hereby created and established the department of engineering and environmental services. Any reference to the office of public works as an office of the department of operational services in any ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligation, contract, grant or document vesting any power in, assigning any function to, or imposing any duty upon that office shall be deemed to refer to the department of engineering and environmental services.

(b) The department shall be responsible for streets engineering, drainage engineering, water and sewerage engineering, Cross Lake Watershed, pretreatment, water treatment laboratory, regulatory compliance, wastewater treatment laboratory, environmental safety and such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to it by ordinance or other authority.

Sec. 2-220. Offices created; appointments.

(a) Unless until otherwise provided by ordinance and pursuant to Section 4.20 of the Charter, the offices of director and deputy director(s) of the department of engineering and environmental services are hereby created.

(b) The mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the city council, the director of engineering and environmental services. After recommendation by the director of engineering and environmental services, the mayor shall also appoint deputy director(s) and division chief(s), and fill other appointed positions within the department of engineering and environmental services, subject to confirmation by the city council.

Section 2-221. Duties of director.

Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance pursuant to Section 4.20, the director of engineering and environmental services shall be the head of the department of engineering and environmental services and shall have immediate direction and control of all employees in the department in accordance with the policies promulgated by the mayor or the chief administrative officer. To that end and with the approval of the chief administrative officer, the director shall:

- (1) Appoint and remove all officers and employees of the department, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and other applicable law.
- (2) Develop and implement rules and regulations consistent with the Charter and the ordinances of the city prescribing the duties and responsibilities of all officers and employees of the department, and supervise and control their activities.
- (3) Perform the duties prescribed for the director of engineering and environmental services provided by the Charter and by ordinance.

Sec. 2-222. Divisions

Unless and until otherwise provided by ordinance, the department of engineering and environmental services shall consist of the division of engineering, environmental services and such other divisions as may be created by ordinance or as may be assigned to it by proper authority.

Sec. 2-222. Transitional provision.

When not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter, any reference in any ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligation, contract, grant or document vesting any power in, assigning any function to, or imposing any duty upon any office, officer, person or body abolished or reassigned by this division, shall be deemed to refer to the office, officer, person or body under this division that most closely corresponds to that designated in the Charter, Code, ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligations, contract, grant or document.

Secs. 2-223--2-225. Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 31 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2011 budget for the General Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 139 of 2010, the General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Miscellaneous by \$507,500

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Operational Services

Decrease Personal Services by \$16,157,400

Decrease Materials and Supplies by \$3,946,200

Decrease Contractual Services by \$16,215,200

Decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$770,900

Decrease Transfers to Other Funds by \$2,591,800

Total \$39,681,500

Engineering Services

Increase Personal Services by \$3,211,300

Increase Materials and Supplies by \$75,200

Increase Contractual Services by \$458,000

Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$59,900

Increase Transfers to Other Funds by \$26,500

Total \$3,830,900

Public Works

Increase Personal Services by \$13,476,700

Increase Materials and Supplies by \$3,903,500

Increase Contractual Services by \$15,979,400

Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$764,900

Increase Transfers to Other Funds by \$2,175,300

Total \$36,299,800

Information Technology

Increase Personal Services by \$58,300

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 139 of 2010 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Amendment Number 1 to Ordinance Number 31 of 2010

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations) amend the budget for Engineering Services to read as follows:

Engineering Services

Increase Personal Services by \$3,152,100

Increase Materials and Supplies by \$75,200

Increase Contractual Services by \$458,000

Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$59,900

Increase Transfers to Other Funds by \$26,500

Total \$3,771,700

Also in Section 2 (Appropriations), delete the following:

Information Technology

Increase Personal Services by \$58,300.

Explanation of Amendment:

DOS Administration employees (2) originally being transferred to Engineering Services and to Informational Technology, are now being transferred to the new Department of Water and Sewerage.

ORDINANCE NO. 32 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011 WATER AND SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2011 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 142 of 2010, the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Decrease Transfer from General Fund by \$390,000

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Personal Services by \$588,900

Decrease Materials and Supplies by \$32,500

Decrease Contractual Services by \$222,200

Decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$53,900

Increase Transfer to General Fund by \$507,500

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 142 of 2010 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Amendment Number 1, to Ordinance Number 32 of 2010

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

Delete the following:

~~In Section 2 (Appropriations):~~

~~Decrease Personal Services by \$588,900~~

~~Decrease Materials and Supplies by \$32,500~~

~~Decrease Contractual Services by \$222,200~~

~~Decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$53,900~~

~~Increase Transfer to General Fund by \$507,500~~

Insert the following:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Personal Services by \$471,400

Decrease Materials and Supplies by \$32,500

Decrease Contractual Services by \$222,200

Decrease Improvements and Equipment by \$53,900

Increase Transfer to General Fund by \$390,000

Explanation of Amendment:

DOS Administration employees (2) originally being transferred to Engineering Services and to Informational Technology, are now being transferred to the new Department of Water and Sewerage.

Tabled legislation.

Councilman Webb: On the tabled legislation, help me out Art, which one of these - - -

Mr. Thompson: Both 178 and 179.

1. **Ordinance No. 178 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2011 Budget for the General Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Tabled January 25, 2011*)

2. **Ordinance No. 179 of 2010**: An ordinance amending the 2011 Budget for the Metropolitan Planning commission's Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (E/Webb) (*Tabled January 25, 2011*)

Councilman Webb: Oh, okay. I know we got an email today from MPC and everything, and I had been talking to some of the Council Members, I'm not going to make a motion on it today, but I just wanted to bring it out. There were some dissatisfaction I guess to say from a few Council Members as well as some Parish Commissioners about these two position being under the jurisdiction of the MPC, and as if they would be answering to the MPC, and a lot of people didn't like that concept of the way it would be (inaudible), and I had thrown out an idea yesterday to many of the Council Members about what if we took that budgetary money instead of giving it to the MPC, if we put it in the City Council budget, and let the Administration decide where you want to house 'em, but they would answer to the City Council, and not to the Metropolitan Planning Commission. I mean the majority of the money would be coming out of city funds, and later down the road as they got more in dept, if you felt like the office needed to be inside the MPC chambers, so be it. But it was just an idea that I thought might satisfy Council Members and Commission in moving forward with their permitting this plan without the employees that are hired feel that they're being not so much as threatened, but put under pressure from the MPC to do it their way. Cause that's not what the intent is, and I know they certainly would agree to that, that that wouldn't be their intent, but it might make peace among everyone to get this thing implemented in a faster manner. That was just my thoughts, and so I wanted to throw those out, and see where we go with it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Mr. Chairman, if he makes that motion, I'll second it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well lets say that I think that - - - and Mr. Sibley and I, we discussed this yesterday a little bit. What we'd like to see at some point, and maybe we'd do it after the next meeting's work session, some kind of pluses and minuses about where to - - - whether that's a one staff member, or two, in accordance with the intent of being the (inaudible) of this master plan, and whether that's in the City Council or whether that's in the MPC, or whether it eventually goes into your new economic development group, if that so gets formed. Just some kind of different approach on where we're going to house this guy going forward and maybe it's an interim step,

naturally we would need some buy in from the parish, particularly you know since they're going to be supporting it financially, but I think certainly from what I hear from Councilman Webb, they've expressed a little bit of reservation about them being in the MPC as well. So, just look at maybe an opportunity to look at some other ways of looking at this structure, and if you think we could talk about that during the work session or afterwards, looking at some alternatives.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I understand the sensitivity and the concern. There would be a couple of questions I guess I would send to Julie and to Terri, in terms of what the charter would call for, under these types of things would those be considered, legislative functions would maybe considered, administrative functions that may end up I think complicating I think what's being suggested to some extent. But I think more so than that, and I've learned this I guess now at 45, I'll be 46 this year, I'm on the down side rushing towards 50, the older I get the - - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: Still wet behind the ears.

Mayor Glover: I understand, but I guess the older I get, the less inclined I am to want to necessarily contort to work around the problem as opposed to addressing the problem. If the concern that's with the council and with the commission have to do with where we place the folks, then maybe what I would suggest, and maybe this is some individual conversations that we have amongst ourselves at some point, but we can sit and do it in open session also, how do we figure out how to resolve and address those issues. Before we maybe come to the conclusion that is necessary to kind of contort ourselves around the situation as opposed to actually fixing the problem. That 800 lb gorilla that sits in the room, at some point, you've got to shoo it out, if you want to sweep under the couch and vacuum the rug. You can't just keep dusting around it and decorating around it. At some point, you've got to stop and deal with it. And so I won't be anymore (inaudible) and especially given the circumstances, but I think we ought to sit and have some conversations about how we go about making ourselves a little bit more comfortable.

Councilman Webb: I agree with that. I just wanted to air it. I just - - - you know the past master plans that were put on the shelf and they've collected dust, and that's the last thing I want to see after we've spent as much money as we have with this one. And you know we've got to quit dancing around everything sooner or later, and we've got to dig in and everyday is a lost day in my opinion, and I just - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I'd like to go back to that contortion. You know we wouldn't necessarily consider putting the auditors in the finance department. Although they may have many of the same skill sets. I mean lets look at it from that approach. That isn't exactly, and maybe that's exaggeration. But we're kinda doing two different tasks with maybe some other skill sets, and that may be the reason we're looking at divisional responsibilities, the reallocation of who those - - - their masters are ultimately.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, that was a good illustration you gave, but when you look at it from the legal standpoint and from the Charter standpoint, and of course, I'm (inaudible) that's been down here a long time, and it's very seldom I agree with the mayor. He lives on one end of

the town, and I live on the other one, but Mayor, I'll have to agree with you today. I think if we actually start looking at the charter, see our charter is a little bit different from the Parish Commission. Commissioners can have legislative and administrative duties. As a City Council, our charter don't really give us that many administrative duties. And I think the mayor probably has a good point at this time Mr. Mayor, I don't know whether we had the same thing for dinner or not, but I really think we need to let our legal department look at this because we might be getting in a scenario where from time to time, we want to start moving functions to the City Council, that might be administrative. And I want to make sure that when I disagree with you, that I'm right and you can't say Mr. Shyne, that's you all's pie to bake. So, I think before we start doing this, I think we probably need our legal department to look at it from a city charter standpoint, cause when you look at the city charter and the parish charter, it's a little bit different. Because Sam as a Parish Commissioner, you have a legislative and administrative function. Because what you do, you hire that who runs the administration. I wish I would have had the opportunity to hire the mayor, but you know I didn't. The citizens hired the mayor, and Mr. Mayor, no hard feelings.

Councilman Webb: Well, I was just throwing it out there.

Councilman Shyne: Right, but I think this is what we need to look at before we run into doing this thing. And I understand what you're saying, but I also believe that you've got to look at it in the City Charter, and you might see where there is a - - - where we do - - - that is our function to have the Internal Auditor. This is kind of a checks and balance so we make sure that Dale Sibley over there don't spend too much money.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I appreciate that, I certainly look for whatever insight we get from the legal department.

3. **Ordinance No. 185 of 2010:** An ordinance granting to the Southwestern Electric Power Company the right, privilege, and franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain, repair, reconstruct, and operate a system of electric power lines, wires, transformers, communication cables, and other related and necessary or desirable appurtenances in, under, over, across, through, and along any and all of the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, thoroughfares, roads, highways, sidewalks bridges, and public properties of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electric power to the city and its inhabitants and any other person or persons, firms, and corporations for a term of twenty-five years, regulating the use of streets by the company and repair and restoration of the streets disturbed by construction; Providing for compensation to be paid to the City; Providing that this franchise shall not be exclusive; Providing the company's obligations to furnish efficient service; Providing for indemnity by the company to the city; Providing for conditional forfeiture in event of default by the company; Making miscellaneous provisions relative to this grant of franchise; Providing for acceptance by company; Providing a severability clause; Providing an effective date, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled February 22, 2011*)

Appeals

Property Standards Appeals

HBO0700145: 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) *Ms. Carolyn Miller, 424 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA 71105 (F/Shyne) (Postponed November 22, 2010 until May 23, 2011)*

PSD0900006: 2006 Looney Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) *Ms. Niakia Cook-Jones, 6777 Rasberry Lane, Apartment 1421, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) (Postponed November 22, 2010 until May 23, 2011)*

PSD0800400: 5318 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) *Mr. Darien Kirkendoll, P.O. Box 8703, Bossier City, LA. (Postponed February 18, 2011 until August 22, 2011)*

PSD0900275: 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Jenkins) *Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell, 819 ½ Boulevard Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (Postponed January 24, 2011 until March 21, 2011)*

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until May 23, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

HBO1000030: 153 Merrick Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) *Mr. Benjamin A. Cormier, P.O. Box 44021, Shreveport, LA 71134 (Postponed March 7, 2011 until April 11, 2011)*

PSD1000086: 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) *Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (Postponed March 7, 2011 until May 9, 2011).*

CAB1000828: 3135 Idledays Dr., Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/Lester), *Mr. Leroy Carey, 3135 Idledays Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/McCulloch) (Postponed January 24, 2011 until July 25, 2011)*

PSD1000061: 9025 Hilton Dr, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) *Mr. Jim Bruce, 9045 Hilton Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118 (E/Webb) (Postponed February 7, 2011 until April 11, 2011)*

PSD1000128: 2900 West Maple Street, Shreveport, LA (G/Jenkins) *Mr. William Herbert Edelen, III, PO Box 8888, Shreveport, LA 71148 (Postponed January 24, 2011 until March 21, 2011)*

Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until April 25, 2011. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

HBO1000057: 518 W. 74th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (F/Shyne) *Mr. Lewis Stringer, 518 W. 74th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (F/Shyne) (Postponed January 24, 2011 until June 27, 2011)*

PSD1000089: 446 Wichita, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Mr. Jake W. Davis, c/o Columbia Café, 3030 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (*Postponed March 7, 2011 until April 11, 2011*)

PSD1000169 4017 Crosby Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. De'Borah Vance-Mozell, 2, Summer Cottage LN., Franklin Park, NJ 08823. (*Postponed February 18, 2011 until June 27, 2011*)

Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals

Mr. Tam Hoang, c/o *Quick Pack Grocery*, 1971 David Raines Road, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/McCulloch) *Quick Pack Grocery*, 1971 David Raines Road, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/McCulloch) (*Postponed March 7, 2011 until May 9, 2011*)

Mr. Chad Watson, 104 Buccaneer Lane, Haughton, LA 71037; *Eldorado Casino*, 451 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Everson)

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Everson to remove this appeal from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Harminder Singh, c/o Raceway, 3701 Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, LA *Raceway*, 3701 Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103 (B/Everson)

Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to uphold the decision of the Shreveport Police Department. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals

Other Appeals

Reports from officers, boards, and committees

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman, you looked my way, so I'm assuming that's me. We did have our Audit and Finance Committee meeting today at 1:30. I think it was a good meeting. We went through a number of audits that our internal auditor, and I want to thank Ms. Stewart and her staff for the thorough job they did on each of those audits that we went through. There was no recommendation or actions coming out the committee to bring to the Council, but I do think the audits that were done, there were some good recommendations, the department heads had input in those audits, and accepting of those recommendations. And I feel like the discussions that took place in that meeting today, that they move forward on those recommendations, that we don't see any problems that are looming out there. So there were no real recommendations that are going to come before the Council. We will later on, look at tweaking the ordinance that deals with

the disclosures that have been made by persons who are appointed to boards and commissions, but that's a subject to be discussed for - - - we can save rather, for another day.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes, I spoke with Chief Shaw on yesterday in regards to making a report reference a situation March 20th out on Yarborough Road and South Lakeshore. Seems as if there were some concerns about 500 or so cars that were trafficking out by Ford Park. And so I believe Chief Shaw had to leave. Can we possibly get a report from our Administration at this time as to what, how that's being addressed at this time?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. AC Huddleston, you come on up and I'll start it off. We had a situation on Sunday, that we do not accept in the City of Shreveport. We no longer as a city accept the fact that people have a right to be able to basically take over certain areas of town based upon either their congregating in an inappropriate manner or driving in an inappropriate manner or playing their music in an inappropriate manner. We had some of that, that took place on this past Sunday. The Shreveport police department responded effectively dissipated that problem for folks who were caught up in the midst of it, it was a temporary, although very annoying set of circumstances. Essentially what's happened is we've managed to be able to push this situation from different areas of the city. We all know that Greenwood and Jewella has been a problem over the years. We've managed to effectively address that issue in that particular area. On other occasions, it's moved to the Raceway station on Hearne Avenue, but we follow it and we deal with it there. And also finds itself in certain areas of Mr. Shyne's district over in - - - is that Chris Hayes Park Mr. Shyne?

Councilman Shyne: Yes.

Mayor Glover: We've had to deal with and address the problem there, and occasionally, it ends up coming to the Ford Park area. And while we encourage and certainly welcome families, young people to come out and make safe, orderly appropriate use of our recreational facilities all across the City of Shreveport, what we do not allow, and what we will not tolerate is the driving that has people sitting on hoods, hanging outside of doors, standing up out of skylight - - - what's the term I'm looking for Mr. Sibley?

Councilman Shyne: Sunroof.

Mayor Glover: Sunroof. We will not allow the hood sitting, the sunroof sitting, the doors opened, the tire spinning, the loud music playing. All of those are things that end up disrupting the peace and tranquility of our neighborhoods. They take away from our quality of life. In many areas, they represent a real threat to safety in the event that you end up with an emergency either within the neighborhood, or some emergency that takes place within the context of that situation. The traffic levels makes it almost impossible to get the appropriate emergency medical personnel to be able to get to that situation in a timely fashion. So over the last four years, we have addressed this problem directly. Many of you have seen these various mobile command stations. We have two of those that we have positioned in various parts of the city, in addition to additional levels of police presence where we go out and essentially establish this is not how we do business in Shreveport anymore. The thing that I found most disturbing going back to 2007, when we first began to take this situation on, was that as you begin to look at the statistical data, compiled by the police

department regarding the individuals who were stopped and cited, it was shocking to me to determine how many of these folks 1) were much older than I would have assumed, not necessarily 18 or 19, 20, 21 year olds, but people who were well into their late 20s, 30s and in some instances 40s and 50s who were out looking for obviously much younger individuals to interact with and; 2) it amazed me to discover that a number of these individuals who do not and did not live in the City of Shreveport. That these were folks who were coming from across the river and the surrounding area because Shreveport was the big city that had the lax laws and would allow and tolerate these types of activities. And we've sent the message unequivocally that you can't leave Bossier, or you can't leave Mansfield, you can't leave Serepta, Benton and Plain Dealing or Marshall or any of these other places and come to Shreveport and do things here that you would not do in your own hometown. If you do, there is a price that you're going to pay. By the same token, we sent the message, and we'll continue to send the message to those folks who happen to be from Shreveport, don't a way in your hometown, that you're afraid to act across the river, or in other parts of this area where you believe that the law enforcement officials may be less tolerant, and less accepting of it. And so that's a message that we have sent both to those who are not from here as well as those of us who are from here. And Chief Shaw and AC Huddleston and the rest of the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department know exactly how serious I take this issue and this problem. We were not necessarily as prepared to be as out in front of the situation on Sunday as we should have, although we did react effectively. But I can assure you that come this Sunday and throughout the balance of this season, we will be in a position to be able to have the plans in place and the presence in place in order to be able to address this situation. Many folks have assumed over the years that it's one that times up with Spring Break. I had theorized and had that confirmed this weekend. And the Chief and I discussed this in detail, it's one that's largely driven by the weather. And it's usually not the first weekend of good weather, because they're not quite sure. They have like the scout birds who come out to see whether or not things are going well. It's the second weekend. You get that second weekend in a row of good March, late February weather, that what you're going to see is the beginning of these types of efforts that if we do not manage to be able to address and address their effectiveness, they begin to group themselves, they begin to be the kind of things that are considered to be acceptable under the norm and we end up as we move into the time when school lets out, and the last day of school for seniors. Back in 2007 was a serious problem for us. We developed an action plan for 2008. We've not had those issues anymore. Going into Easter Sunday weekend, has been a problem. We developed an action plan, we don't accept those problems anymore. Now, will we still continue to see this? Yes we will. Until we have a resolve that says that we're not going to just simply believe that all we're supposed to do is just kind of shuffle them around? No. And we send that message most specifically to those folks out there who are parents. When you send your child out and God bless some of the young ladies, the attire that they have on, if you send your child out in that brand new vehicle of yours, and they're on your insurance, and they're driving your car, please be aware that some of them are out there engaging in some activities in your vehicle, that you would not at all be pleased or accepting or supporting of. And the possibility exist that that brand new car, that very nice vehicle could end up being cited and possibly being detained because of the conduct of your teenager, college student or someone else. So that's going to be a clear message Councilwoman McCulloch, we're not going to allow that type of activity to take place either in your district, or in Councilman Jenkins, or in Councilman Shyne's or anywhere else in Shreveport. And we have the same expectations in terms of those folks who congregate along the riverfront and the parkway, or

anywhere else in the city of Shreveport. We intend to establish that this is a different city with a different set of expectations, and ultimately we expect to have different and better outcomes. I correlate that I guess to a certain extent with the kind of performance that these men and women in conjunction with the work and the support of this City Council, the previous City Council, but most importantly, the citizens of the City of Shreveport who have helped to support to provide information and come out, got engaged to become empowered in their communities that (inaudible) why I asked Bernie our statistical person in the Police Department to provide a yearly analysis for 2010. I have had the privilege of being able to say going back from '08 to '09, and now to '10 that it was 1977 that the crime rate in 2008 had been the lowest. In 2009, it was 1977 that it had been the lowest. This year 2010 crime rate is the lowest that the City of Shreveport has experienced since 1975. And 1975, I was a young precocious albeit not to small 5th grader at (inaudible) school, and the world was a different place, Shreveport was a different place. But 1975 was the only year in recent history that was lower than the 2010 crime rate. And also as we sit here today, on the 21st of March, and I want to say thanks to the good Lord and all the men and women of this department and all of the citizens of this city, it was only this morning that we experienced our third homicide in the City of Shreveport since the 22nd of December of last year. We make it another week and a day or so, or a couple of days, we could end up closing out the 3rd quarter with one of the lowest homicides total ever in this city's history. But this morning, we registered our third of the year, our third since the 22nd of December, and unfortunately all three of them happened to be domestic related. We know that we had the young man who came and killed the mother and his significant other, back on the 19th of February, and unfortunately today, we had a 70 year old, two brothers in their 70s straight from the book of Genesis who got into an argument, and one shot the other in the head. And so all three of the homicides this year to date has been domestic in nature, or number in comparison to the over 20 in Baton Rouge, the over 35 in New Orleans that is something that we should be extremely thankful and grateful for. And do note that we will be vigilant and we will be aggressive, and we will be professional and courteous, but we will not allow the streets of the City of Shreveport to be taken over, at least as long as I'm mayor of the city.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And for the City Councilmen that's probably not familiar with the community, basically, it's made up of retirees and it's always usually very quiet out there. So, it's going to be imperative that we stay on top of that, in lieu of the citizens out there.

Asst Chief Huddleston: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. That is one thing that I know you've heard Chief Shaw say over and over again, that we can do better. And we thought we had it this time Mr. Mayor. We started two weeks earlier than what we anticipated it would be. When we start seeing the weather 65-70 degrees, we know it's coming. Normally it is Spring Break. And we had a plan in place, we had some additional officers out there this weekend, we realized that we didn't have as much. We could have had more out there, and by the time we marshaled all our forces, and began clearing the park, it started causing traffic congestion. But we have been playing with and revising that plan since Monday morning and we're going to try some new things in addition to what we've done in the past. And what we hope to do is Chief Shaw is going to do a press release tomorrow, put everybody on notice. Because what we want is voluntary compliance. We don't want to have to write a lot of tickets and put people in jail, but the thing we do want to do and we want to send a message that you're not going to do that here. You don't do it

anywhere else, and you're not going to do it here. And we're hoping that maybe for once, and I've been out there since 1988 with that problem, and we're hoping that we can make enough of an impact that this time next year, we'll be able to say it hadn't started, much like the homicide thing, there'll be significant results.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Please make sure that those plans include the intersection of Greenwood Road and Jewella. Because I believe what happens, they come out of the park, and they come down and they crowd that area. But I've seen over the years the Police Department come out and try to deal with it. But I went through that intersection Sunday, Sunday evening, and it's beginning to build up again. So following from out of District A, and come on down to District G. Y'all follow them down there too, and see what you can do to try to help at that particular intersection. That's a very dangerous situation, and Mayor, I'm glad to hear the comments that you are making about that. It is a dangerous situation. It's a traffic problem, and you know I hope that the parents and grandparents take heed to what you're saying Mayor Glover that you know, that when their children are going out, that they be told places like that is not a good place for them to congregate. And hopefully, those persons who are coming from other areas will get the message too. That they cannot come into the city and crowd out the intersections the way that they are doing. Please make sure that, that one is on the list also.

Asst Chief Huddleston: I can promise you you'll see one of our command vehicles at that location.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I usually do.

Councilman Webb: Chief, what will change that is zero tolerance.

Asst Chief Huddleston: We're going to make an impression.

Councilman Webb: I mean, cause as long as they know that I can get that warning, they're going to do it until they get the warning. Once they know that there's zero tolerance, it will stop.

Asst Chief Huddleston: We counted last weekend as their warning.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Thank you Chief.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Thank you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Still tracking on our agenda here, we're on Reports from Officers, Boards and Committees, do we have any other reports?

Councilman Everson: Well this is from the Mayor's Committee on Historic Preservation. I think I mentioned yesterday at the work session that that committee has completed their draft of the Historic Preservation Ordinance for the City of Shreveport. We're going to recommend that the Property Standards Committee take a look at that, and that meeting should be set for a week after this, and we'll get some word out. I know that Rose and Joe serve on that committee with me, but certainly invite the rest of you to attend that, because it is something that is going to affect other

parts of the city, and it is kind of a long piece of legislation. Plus it'll be a good chance for us to look at it in detail, and discuss what kind of affect it will have for everyone. But the committee I have to give them a good bit of credit because they've been working on it for some time, and they've done a wonderful job. The mayor picked this committee last year, and they've been meeting regularly, and providing a lot of updates about their work and then even took it out to civic groups and neighborhoods across the city and told them what they had at first, listened to the criticisms, and then incorporated those into their final piece of legislation. So I think what they've come up with is a great final product. But we certainly need to take a look at it and make sure it passes muster. But just wanted to mention that we have had that meeting this week, and just a little update.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And Mr. Thompson certainly to appease Mr. Shyne, now that he's back here.

Clerk's report

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman I have a report. My report is that I have no report.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Very well said.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

The Committee "rises and reports".

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m.

//s// Oliver Jenkins, Chairman

//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council